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SAINTS TURN SUMMIT WITH

SAINTS strengthened their position at the top of the Championship, after thumping Watford 4-0 at St Mary's.

Rickie Lambert's penalty midway through the first-half had given Nigel Adkins' men a slender lead at the interval.

Another Lambert spot-kick doubled the advantage shortly after the restart, before Guly do Prado side-footed home a third.

Substitute Lee Holmes, making his first league appearance since November 2010, added a fourth late on with a curling effort from 20 yards.

Saints' 14th consecutive home league win means they remain top of the pile in the Championship going into the second international break of the season.

There was an early break in play, following a clash of heads between Jos Hooiveld and Watford striker Joe Garner.

Marvin Sordell put a dangerous ball into the Saints box in the eighth minute, but Adrian

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Mariappa sent his header wide of the post.

Jonathan Hogg then had a decent sight of goal five minutes later, but hit his left foot shot from inside the box straight at Kelvin Davis.

Moments later, Craig Forsyth went rampaging forwards, before firing wide of the target, as the Hornets continued to threaten.

Garner went mighty close in the 17th minute, as a long ball forward caught out the Saints back line.

The striker tried to lob Davis on the half volley, but the keeper was able to tip it over the bar for a corner.

Adam Lallana and Guly then combined nicely, as Saints finally got the ball forward, but Guly couldn't quite get

onto the end of his teammate's pass after a neat one-two.

Against the run of play, the hosts did take the lead, however.

Steve De Ridder raced down the right and crossed towards Lambert at the far post.

David Mirfin and Martin Taylor both challenged the striker, but referee Carl Boyeson pointed to the spot after judging that the ball had hit one of their hands.

It was a dubious decision, but that didn't matter to Lambert.

On his 100th league appearance for the club, he hit the resulting penalty low to Rene Gilmartin's right and, although the keeper guessed correctly, the ball went under his hand and into the net.

Lambert had another oppor-



GET IN: Rickie Lambert is congratulated are scoring Saints' first.

tunity a minute later from Fox's whipped free-kick from the right, but he put his header into the side netting.

Lallana went even closer to doubling the advantage in the 28th minute, as he met Guly's cross from the right with a thumping shot that cannoned off the bar.

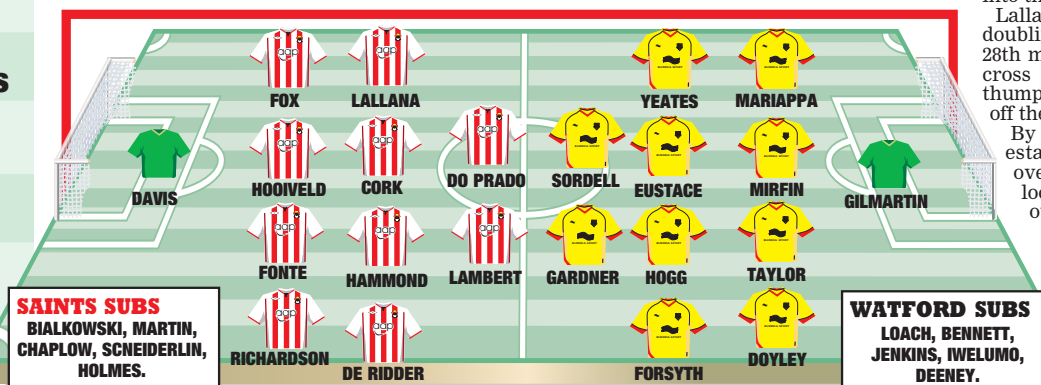
By now, Saints had finally established some control over the game and were looking the more dangerous side.

Lambert pulled out wide in the 33rd minute, delivering a lovely ball into Lallana, but the midfielder saw his header saved by Gilmartin.

Jack Cork was the first man into the book, after being shown yellow for a foul on Sordell on the edge of the area.

Mark Yeates couldn't make the midfielder pay a higher price for his misdemeanour, though, as he missed the target with the resulting free-kick.

Beyond that opportunity,



NIGEL Adkins made two changes to the side that lost 2-1 at Cardiff in midweek for the visit of Watford to St Mary's.

Captain Dean Hammond, dropped on Wednesday, returned to the centre of mid-field in place of Morgan

TEAM NEWS

Schneiderlin.

Steve De Ridder was handed a first league start, after David Connolly missed out through injury.

The Belgian started on the

right wing, with Guly do Prado partnering Rickie Lambert in attack.

Watford manager Sean Dyche made one change, with David Mirfin replacing centre half Carl Dickinson, who was laid low with a bug.

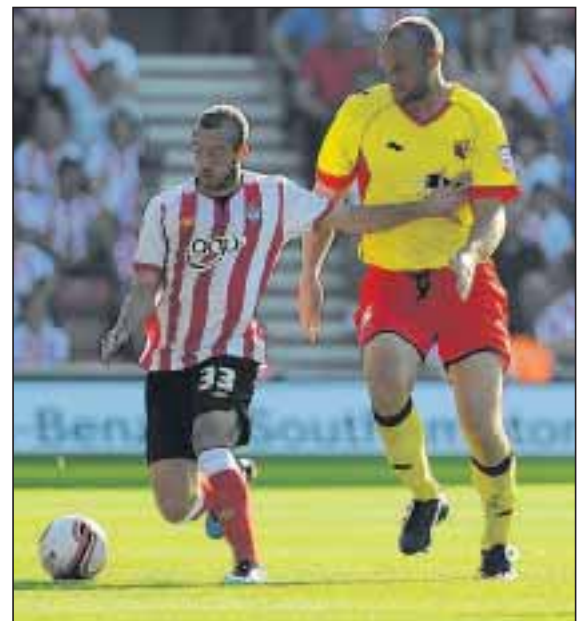
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Saints Spotlight



PRETTY AT THE TOP AFTER COMFORTABLE VICTORY

UP THE HEAT AT THE DISPLAY OF POWER



LITTLE & LARGE: Steve De Ridder holds off Watford's Martin Taylor.

Saints were well on top, retaining possession of the ball for large periods, forcing Watford into an energy-sapping chase in the intense heat at St Mary's.

The visitors made one change at the break, Ross Jenkins coming on for Jonathan Hogg, while Saints remained unchanged.

Frazer Richardson's ball from the right five minutes into the second half nearly picked out one of Guly and Cork, but Mariappa got there to deflect it away from the pair.

Lambert's fizzed ball into the box seconds later caused Watford a major problem, with one of the Hornets defenders turning the ball narrowly wide of his own goal.

Although the visitors survived that scare, they did concede a second in the 55th minute, again from the spot.



Richardson's cross was heading towards Lambert at the back post, but he was barged over by Mariappa.

Boyeson had no hesitation awarding the penalty, while

booking the defender, and Lambert coolly sent Gilmartin the wrong way to make it 2-0.

Sean Dyche immediately made his second change,

ABOVE: Jack Cork and Dean Hammond double up on Watford's Joe Garner.

LEFT: Frazer Richardson takes on Watford's Craig Forsyth.

swapping Yeates for Troy Deeney.

Lambert went close to getting his second hat-trick of the season, firing just wide from 25 yards in the 61st minute.

Dyche then made his final change, swapping Sordell for Chris Iwelumo.

Davis then had to make a good save, tipping wide Forsyth's shot, after the winger had cut in from the right.

Adkins made his first change in the 64th minute,

bringing off De Ridder for Richard Chaplow on the right of midfield, with the substitute's first action seeing him slice high and wide from the edge of the box.

Jose Fonte's foul on Iwelumo gave Watford a decent sight of goal, but Forsyth's free-kick could only find the Saints wall.

The result was put beyond all doubt with 20 minutes to go, as Lallana's square pass inside the area found Guly.

The Brazilian took a touch and side footed the ball nicely into the bottom corner, with Gilmartin rooted to the spot, to make it 3-0.

Adkins then brought on Morgan Schneiderlin in place of Cork in the centre of midfield.

Chaplow went agonisingly close to adding a fourth goal with 15 minutes left, smashing a shot across Gilmartin but against the post.

Lambert's shot in the 80th

minute was deflected behind for a corner, as the striker looked to add a third for himself.

A fourth goal then nearly arrived from an unlikely source, as Richardson broke forward in the 84th minute, but had his stinging effort kept out by Gilmartin.

The Watford keeper then prevented Saints from registering a stunning team goal, as a wonderful display of passing created a chance for Chaplow, only for Gilmartin to deny him.

Lallana then received a standing ovation from the crowd, as he was substituted for Holmes, who made a rare first-team appearance.

It was a dream return to action for the winger as, moments after coming on, he cut inside from the right and hit a curling left foot shot into the far corner to make it 4-0 and round off another great day at St Mary's.

SEE MONDAY'S ECHO FOR MORE SAINTS V WATFORD REACTION

Saints Spotlight



IT'S OURS: Matt Le Tissier and mascots with the silverware after the Ex-Saints' victory.

SPORTS QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It was an accident waiting to happen when we went about the game in the manner that we did, and that accident happened" - **Manager Ally McCoist looks back on Rangers' shock Scottish Communities League Cup defeat to Falkirk.**

"It is like going into a gun fight when I've got a knife" - **Everton boss David Moyes, right, on facing Manchester City's arsenal of stars.**



"I am supposed to take the bullets and absorb them - like a polar bear" - **Arsene Wenger is prepared to protect his young Arsenal stars at all costs.**

"We felt we were in casualty ward 10" - **Cardiff manager Malky Mackay on losing three players to injury before half-time during the clash with Leicester.**

"Traore was a little bit thick and naive, but we don't make a meal of it, we don't try and con the referee or anything. They've (Villa players) stayed on the pitch, (James) Collins and the number 10 whoever he was (Charles N'Zogbia), should have been booked twice" - **QPR boss Neil Warnock vents his anger after his side's 1-1 draw with Aston Villa, forgetting one of their main player's names in the process.**

"Don't touch me, man. Don't touch me" - **Lewis Hamilton does not take kindly to Ferrari rival Felipe Massa's pat on the shoulder and sarcastic praise after the two clashed on the track in the Singapore GP.**

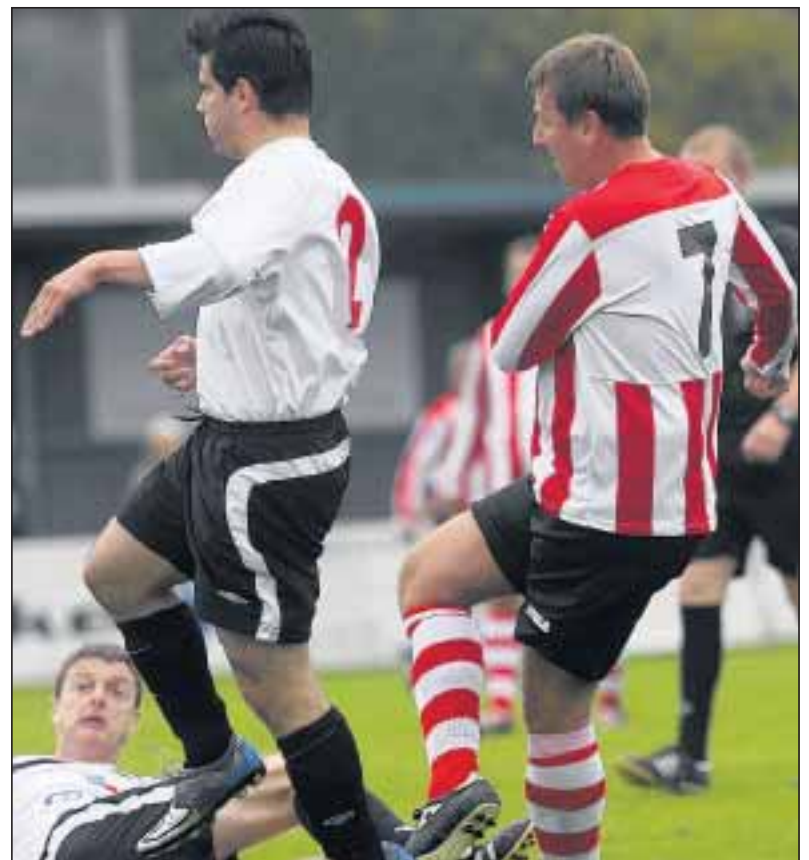


"I'm not particularly happy with the time or the position but after the preparation I've had I know next year I can do a lot better" - **Paula Radcliffe, above, sets her sights firmly on next year's Olympics after finishing third in the Berlin marathon in a time of two hours 23 minutes 46 seconds.**

"When you shake hands with the devil you have to pay the price. Television is God at the moment" - **Sir Alex Ferguson sees television as playing both sides in football's battle between good and evil.**



ROLLING BACK THE YEARS: Matt Le Tissier, right, fires the Ex-Saints XI into an early lead against a Services XI and, above, acknowledges his goal.



Le Tiss rolls back years to

HUNDREDS of fans turned out to watch a special benefit match between an All-Star Ex-Saints side and a Combined Services team in aid of Help for Heroes.

The game at Eastleigh's Silverlake

Stadium last Sunday ended in a thrilling 5-5 draw, with the former Saints ultimately claiming victory on penalty kicks, **writes GORDON SIMPSON.**

The likes of Matt Le Tissier, Paul Jones, Francis Benali, David Hughes, Glenn Cockerill and Gordon Watson all pulled on the red and white again.

Le Tissier in fact gave the Ex-Saints

a perfect start to the afternoon, planting a right foot shot into the top corner from the edge of the area in the opening minutes.

But the Combined Services side - made up of members from the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force - then roared back to claim a 4-1 half-time advantage.

However, the Ex-Saints produced a

storming second half, turning the game on its head to lead 5-4 going into injury time - Le Tissier (pen), Matt Hussey, Tommy Widdrington and Watson scoring their goals.

An astonishing late volley from Jay Bates forced penalties, before Jones saved twice in the shoot-out to win the Security Nation-sponsored trophy for the Ex-Saints.

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ON THE RUN: Gordon Watson, right, while Paul Merson, above, gets his man of the match award from Ex-Saints official John Webster.



FAMILIAR FACES: Nicky Banger, far left, with David Hughes; Francis Benali, above, signs autographs; and James Beattie, right.

help charity

Despite his Pompey connections, special guest Paul Merson was voted man of the match for his impressive display in midfield.

Ex-Saint and director of Security Nation Marcel Cullers, who came up with the idea for the game, said: "It all came together well."

"It's been fun for the players."

"They have all come out for a pur-

pose and have all had smiles on their faces.

"The day, ultimately, is all for a good cause, so I'm over the moon with it."

Help for Heroes were also delighted with the afternoon, which it is hoped will have raised thousands of pounds for them and other good causes supported by the Ex-Saints.

Shaun Pickford, head of events and

challenges at the charity, said: "For Help for Heroes, it's great, this sort of public support."

Former Saints striker James Beattie was in attendance, and said he was thrilled to be involved, even though he was unable to play.

"It's a tremendous cause," he said. "I've got a few friends who are in the forces and active at the moment."

"It's something I want to be involved with. I was asked a few weeks ago to get involved and I was going to play, but obviously with my current situation [looking for a new club] I can't risk getting injured."

"It's just a pleasure to be here and for a worthy cause, raising money for the lads who have done so much for us."

CARLOS TEVEZ QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"He wanted to leave last year. I helped him for two years every time. He refused to play. I cannot accept this behaviour from him. I decide the substitutions, not Carlos" - **Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini** after Tevez refuses to play as a substitute at Bayern Munich.

"I have been professional during all my time here. Last season I was the top scorer and I wanted to leave for family reasons but I keep trying to do my best" - **Tevez gives his views after the game.**

"He (Tevez) is one bad apple. He can undo all the good work that has been done (at City). He's a disgrace to football. He epitomises what most people think is wrong with modern football" - **Former Saints boss Graeme Souness hits out at Tevez.**

"I know Carlos quite well. He's a player who wants to be playing. When he's a sub, it will be killing him. It's totally up to the manager but Carlos wouldn't have been thinking that. He'll be thinking, 'The manager is against me, why is he not bringing me on? I'm City's best player and he's not playing me'. I'm not saying he [Tevez] is right - it's totally up to the manager."

Paul Scholes



"Questions in relation to Carlos Tevez in general, in relation to his alleged conduct on Tuesday evening and the potential ramifications of that conduct

and in relation to his future at the football club is strictly off limits and will not be answered. Breaches of this will result in the press conference being suspended. This decision has been made to protect the interests of all parties and safeguard the integrity of the investigation that is currently taking place."

Manchester City chief communications officer Victoria Kloss prior to a press conference on Friday.

"The sooner he leaves the country, the better. I can't see it being sorted by him staying. Within a few months, he'll be kissing another badge. He'll come out with a two-week fine, two-week ban, and that's all, irrespective of the campaign to do this, to do that."

QPR boss Neil Warnock

"Roberto Mancini has come out and shown his strength of character, his strength of management and I think that is important. We have all experienced our own difficulties in management and you cope with it as best as you can. In my own experience strong management is important and there is nobody more important than the manager at a football club."

Sir Alex Ferguson praises his Manchester City counterpart.

"He's a maverick player and most Premier League clubs, we all carry one or two. They are going to have their moments and sometimes, it is about managing those moments. What Carlos did, there can't be any credit in what he did, but it does happen."

Ex-Saints boss Alan Pardew, who signed Tevez for West Ham in 2006.

An England recall aim for ex-Saint

FORMER Saints striker Peter Crouch believes his current hot streak with new side Stoke could see him return to the England fold.

Crouch, recruited from Tottenham for £10million, followed up his equaliser in the 1-1 Barclays Premier League draw with Manchester United last Saturday by netting another in mid-week as the Potters came from behind to beat Besiktas 2-1 in the Europa League.

And with 22 goals from 42 appearances for his country, Crouch, pictured below, has a far better record than many of his contemporaries.

"I am still thinking about England, without a doubt," he said.

"I've never wanted to retire from England or anything like that, I want to play for as long as I can.

"I still believe I've got goals and a contribution to make for my country and, if selected, I'm sure I'll do well.

"My record stands up against anyone's and if given the opportunities I believe I'll take them.

"With Stoke I want to do as well as I can and score in every game. I'm not setting myself any ridiculous targets but I'm going to do my best and I'm sure I'll get a load of goals."

And the tall forward has received praise for his impact since arriving in north Staffordshire by Potters boss Tony Pulis.

He said: "The move's been great for Peter and it's great for us.

"The players have really taken to him and he is a great lad in the dressing room.

"Given what Peter has done in his career, to come and join in and be part of what we've got, and be as humble as he has been, is fantastic.

"I have to say the likes of (fellow summer signings) Jonathan Woodgate, Matthew Upson and Cameron Jerome have been exactly the same.

"They have all really bedded in because they have just bought into what we are trying to do, and long may it continue."



Le Tiss is a star turn at Weymouth

FORMER Saints star Matt Le Tissier will be the star turn at a sportsman's dinner at Weymouth's Bob Lucas Stadium on Thursday, October 6.

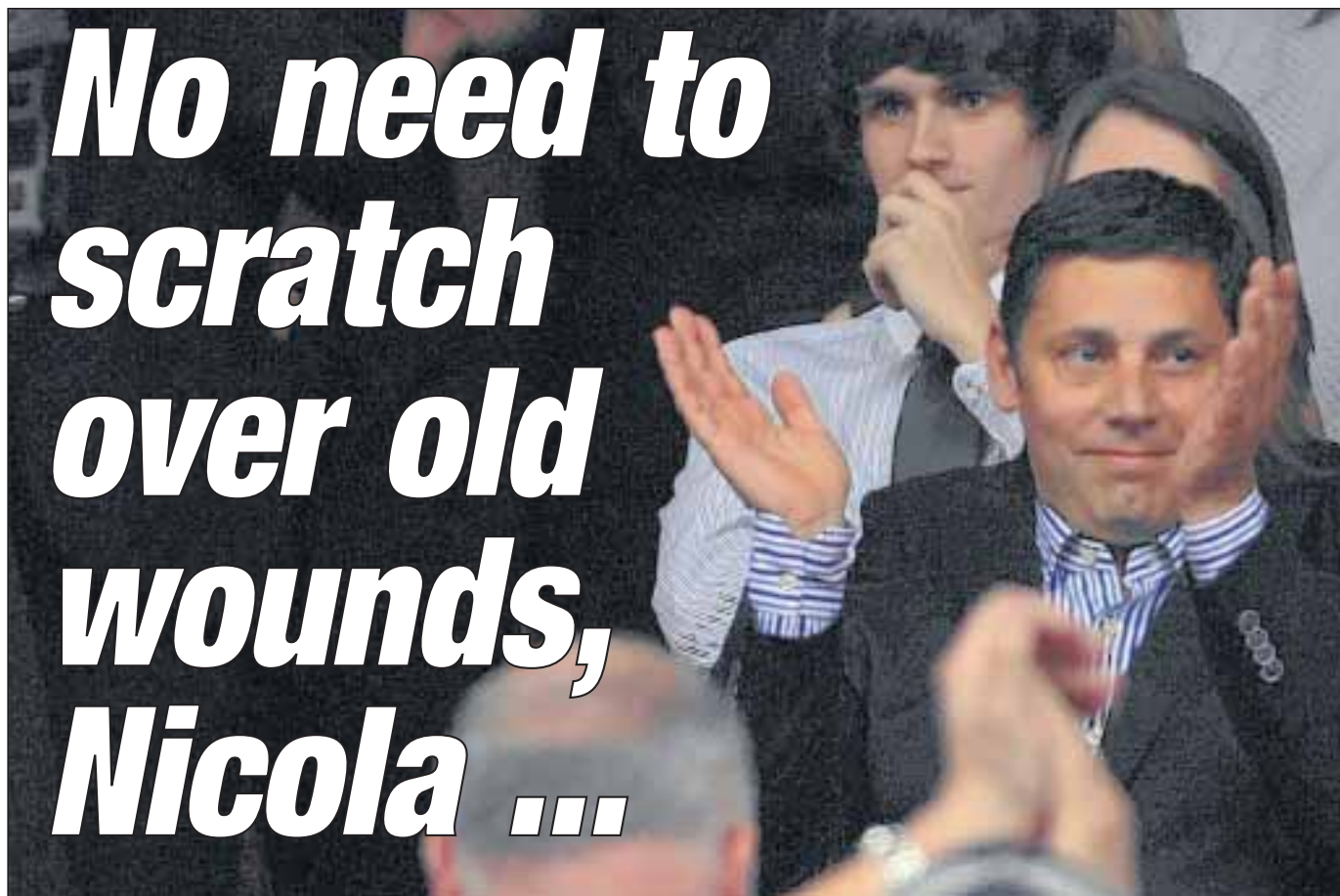
The event will take place in the club's Weyline Lounge from 7.30pm and will also include entertainment from comedian Jay McGee, a sports memorabilia auction, a raffle and a three-course meal.

Only a limited number of tickets are available. The cost is £40 plus VAT each, or £375 plus VAT for a table of 10.

To purchase tickets, find out more details or sponsor the evening contact the Terras' commercial department on 01305 785558 or email james7wfc@live.co.uk



No need to scratch over old wounds, Nicola ...



THE more things change, the more they stay the same, as the saying goes.

A lot has changed since Saints got relegated for the second time; a lot of water has gone under the bridge.

Only a fool would say that Saints aren't in a hugely superior position since the likes of Rupert Lowe and Michael Wilde left the club.

For the first time in a long time, Southampton Football Club has a winning mentality.

And it's a damn good feeling, isn't it?

It's almost strange to look at Saints and not feel that gnawing feel that, sooner or later, it's all going to go pear shaped.

I'm sure I'm not the only one half expecting it all to go Pete Tong at some stage... and yet, week after week, Saints seem to defy our lowly expectations and remain strong contenders.

And not just for promotion, but the title itself.

In Nigel Adkins we have probably one of the best managers outside of the Premiership and it's in no small measure down to him that we're in the position we're in now.

But Adkins was the last piece of a jigsaw put together by one man, Nicola



LEGENDS: Lawrie McMenemy and Matt Le Tissier

Cortese.

I make no apologies for nailing my colours to the Cortese mast.

Since he arrived at the club, the Italian has been a breath of fresh air.

To save this club took something special, to take this club to where it is now took something quite extraordinary.

And, up to this point, Nicola Cortese is quite extraordinary.

Now, with that in mind, I can't let this column go without mentioning Cortese's interview in the pages of *The Sun*.

It said everything we wanted to hear, the determination, the sheer naked ambition... It was all we

wanted to hear and a whole lot more.

You couldn't help but feel lifted that someone of this quality was in charge of our club...

... and then he said this...

"Yes, Lawrie McMenemy and Matt Le Tissier have criticised me but they should know no one is more important than the club. I simply couldn't accept all these people trying to get freebies here, freebies there."

And you felt this sinking feeling; it was like that woman you'd seen from a distance that looks like Angelina Jolie walks up to you and talks like Stacey Solomon.

Why, oh why, mention

Matt Le Tissier or Lawrie McMenemy in all of this?

In the last few months, both Le Tissier and McMenemy have been extremely complimentary of the club and the direction it's heading.

So why scratch at old wounds?

If I'm honest, I read those two sentences and my one thought was "why"?

Why dredge up old arguments and grudges?

Why, when the club is heading forward and we're all on the bus, why stop the bus, get off the bus, stick two fingers up at two pedestrians and then move off?

People can argue that perhaps Cortese was misquoted, that his words were taken out of context.

I'd argue that Cortese is a sharp cookie.

If he was misquoted, if the words on paper weren't the words that came out of his mouth, then they'd know it.

Nicola Cortese isn't a man to be messed with.

So with that in mind, it's sad that old divisions still run deep.

Matt Le Tissier and Lawrie McMenemy are the past of this football club, Nicola Cortese is the future of this football club.

Without a past you're the MK Dons, without a future you're Portsmouth.

Without Matt Le Tissier or Lawrie McMenemy, I doubt we'd have the football club we have today.

They sculpted this club with their talent and their ability.

They made people sit up and take notice of Southampton FC and made it the sort of club that billionaires from Switzerland would be interested in.

Without Nicola Cortese, we wouldn't have the club we have today.

We'd be a second rate outfit scratching around League Two for squad players.

This club is moving on, but it can't move on if we can't look at our past, feel some semblance of pride in it and take that forward.

These current players need to look at our past and see that what they achieve now could be the stuff of legend tomorrow.

Modern footballers seem to play for money; they could play for glory, and glory is something money just can't buy.

Nicola, Matt, Lawrie, you're the most important figures in the last 30 years of our club... equally.

Now let's all get on the bus...

The Premiership and a great adventure beckons...

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



TEVEZ WILL GET HIS WISH...



TROUBLE: Carlos Tevez has not won himself any friends with his behaviour this week.

...or City's season could implode

JUST what was going through Carlos Tevez's mind in Munich?

His alleged refusal to take his place on the field of play against Bayern Munich on Tuesday night was one of the most selfish decisions I have ever seen.

Was this a final confrontation with Roberto Mancini, pictured, and could his manager's insistence that he will not play under him again come back to haunt him?

Manchester City have suspended Tevez for two weeks and have made it clear he will not be selected or be able to train while the review is under way.

Tevez's career in England has always had a touch of controversy.

West Ham, who he joined in August 2006, were investigated as to whether his signing was legal and a year later, having scored seven goals in 29 games, he moved to Manchester United.

After two seasons at Old Trafford he crossed the divide.

Could the shrewd Alex

Ferguson have allowed the player to slip across the city knowing about Tevez and his domestic problems?

I'm sure United will be looking on with a smug smile.

I'm not sure the Welcome to Manchester billboard that so irked Ferguson when Tevez signed for City now has the same meaning!

Tevez has had a huge impact since his arrival, with 53 goals in just 91 appearances.

But the very least City should expect for a reported pay packet of £250,000 a week is for Tevez to play for the team and supporters when requested by the manager.

I'm sure the Plymouth players battling to pay mortgages

due to non-payment of wages are scratching their heads in amazement.

I was convinced City would win the Premiership at the start of the season, but my only doubt was whether Mancini could handle the various egos that have been thrown together in a short space of time.

The reports I've received suggest Mancini has had trouble in the dressing room in the last few months.

Tevez's desire to leave has been a worrying factor. His family problems are well documented as he requested a move to be near his children in July.

A proposed £40m

move to Corinthians came to nothing and although he was City's joint top scorer last year he was stripped of the captaincy and slipped to fourth place in the strikers' pecking order.

He is not the only player to show dissent, with Mancini insisting Dzeko would be the last to moan about being replaced following his substitution in Munich.

All in all, it was a disappointing night for City, following defeat by Bayern in a group game that could well decide their Champions League ambitions.

Tevez's infectious style of play may well have got City back in the game as 35 minutes still remained when he was called upon.

But all Mancini got in response was a sideshow he and the club can do without.

Instead of trying to prove his manager wrong, Tevez's refusal to play, if proven to be true, has left an indelible stain not just on City but on English football.

South Africa keep up the momentum

EVENTS in Libya have given South African soccer a massive boost.

The Confederation of African football has confirmed that South Africa will now host the 2013 African Cup of Nations.

This news will help South Africa build on the momentum of last year's World Cup by using the fine stadium infrastructure that needs to be utilised.

Libya will host the competition in 2017, when, hopefully, the country will be back in order.

Played in perfect weather in January and February, fewer venues will be needed than at the World Cup as only 16 teams participate rather than 32.

Competition will therefore be high between the various host cities and will ensure the best infrastructure an African Nations Cup has ever experienced.



Down Memory Lane



October 1, 1994

Ronnie Ekelund, Neil Maddison and Iain Dowie net for Alan Ball's Saints in a 3-1 win over Ipswich Town at the Dell.

October 2, 2002

St Mary's hosts its first cup-tie, a 6-1 thrashing of Division Two side Tranmere Rovers in the Worthington Cup. Chris Marsden opens the scoring for Saints after just 16 seconds, while Brett Ormerod becomes the first Saint to score a hat-trick at the stadium.

October 2, 1982

The smallest home league crowd of the season (16,230) see a narrow 1-0 win over Notts County at the Dell, thanks to a Justin Fashanu goal.

October 2, 2010

Two penalties from Rickie Lambert see off the challenge of south coast rivals Bournemouth in a hotly contested League One affair at St Mary's.

October 3, 1981

Saints respond to two consecutive 4-2 defeats, at West Ham and Coventry, by scoring four themselves in a 4-3 thriller against Ipswich Town at The Dell. Dave Armstrong (2), Kevin Keegan and Steve Moran are on target. In their next league outing Saints are caned 4-0 at Birmingham!

October 4, 1986

A hat-trick from Colin Clarke, his second in his first nine league games for Saints, secures a 4-1 home win over Newcastle United. Mark Dennis also scores.

October 4, 1997

Jason Dodd scores a rare goal in the Saints' 3-0 victory over West Ham United. Egil Ostenstad and Kevin Davies also score.



JASON DODD

October 4, 1999

Careless Saints let a two-goal lead slip as they are pegged back to draw 3-3 at Derby County. The game sees Stuart Ripley net his only Saints goal, while Matt Oakley and Marian Pahars also score.

October 5, 1985

Steve Moran scores all three goals as beat Watford 3-1 at the Dell.

October 5, 2002

Marian Pahars is sent off soon after coming on as a sub as Brett Ormerod scores twice in a 2-0 St Mary's win against Manchester City.

October 6, 2009

Saints edge past Torquay United 5-3 on penalties in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy after the match ended 2-2 after 90 minutes. Papa Waigo netted both Saints goals after the lower division visitors had led 2-0.

October 7, 1980

Steve Moran, Mike McCartney, Graham Baker and Chris Nicholl all score in a 4-2 victory over Wolves.

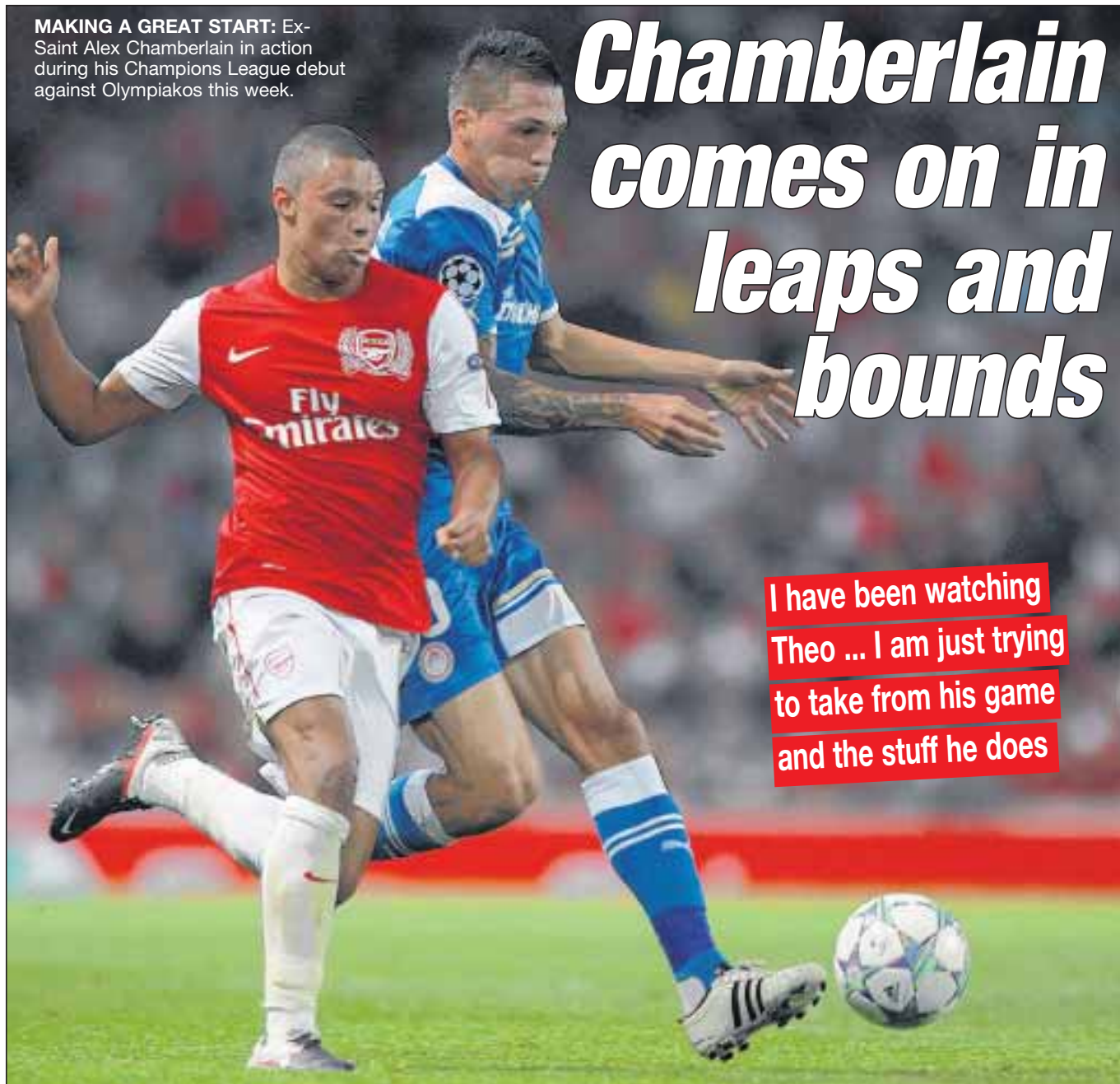
October 8, 1977

Saints defeat Sunderland 4-2 at The Dell in a Second Division encounter with goals from Steve Williams, Chris Nicholl, Phil Boyer and Nick Holmes.

Saints Spotlight



MAKING A GREAT START: Ex-Saint Alex Chamberlain in action during his Champions League debut against Olympiakos this week.



Chamberlain comes on in leaps and bounds

I have been watching Theo ... I am just trying to take from his game and the stuff he does

ALEX Chamberlain is confident that he will be able to deal with the hostile environment of the north London derby should he be called in to action at White Hart Lane on Sunday.

The former Saints starlet is pushing for a place in Arsene Wenger's starting line-up for this weekend's hotly-anticipated clash at Tottenham after making an impressive start to his Arsenal career, writes **JIM VAN WIJK**.

The 18-year-old became the youngest Englishman to score in the Champions League on Wednesday night when he grabbed the opener in the Gunners' 2-1 win over Olympiakos.

Theo Walcott's participation in the derby is in doubt after the 22-year-old suffered a knee injury in last Saturday's 3-0 win over Bolton.

And with games against Manchester United, Shrewsbury and Olympiakos under his belt, Oxlade-Chamberlain thinks he will be able to cope with the white-hot atmosphere in Sunday's fixture if called upon to take Walcott's place.

"I have heard the boys say it's a hostile environment in the derby but it's a new challenge for me. I am just going to keep taking it all in my stride and keep learning from everything I see," Chamberlain said.

"The one last season – the 3-3 – that was a fantastic game and I think that epitomises the derby so it's going to be exciting. I was at home watching it on TV supporting Arsenal, of course."

Chamberlain, who only made his professional debut in March 2010 as

a 16-year-old, signed for the Gunners from Saints in a £12million move last month.

The highly-rated winger has put himself in direct competition with Walcott for a place on the right flank after scoring in successive games – he had scored on his first start for Arsenal against League Two club Shrewsbury in the Carling Cup the week before netting on his opening Champions League start.

But as a former Saints player himself, Walcott – who signed for the Gunners back in January 2006 – has been keen to strike up a friendship with Chamberlain and not make him his enemy.

"I sit next to Theo in the dressing

room and he has helped me along, especially when I came in as a new, young lad," Chamberlain said.

"He knew how I felt coming from Southampton."

"I have been watching Theo because I have been playing on the wing at the moment and I am just trying to take from his game and learn from the stuff he does."

Assistant manager Pat Rice talked up Chamberlain's potential after Wednesday's victory, claiming the youngster is set for a bright future for club and country.

The player himself is keen to stay grounded, however.

"I don't know if I have staked a claim for a first-team place (by scoring against Olympiakos)," he said.

"I know I have a lot of hard work to do and there are a lot of boys coming back from injury."

"It's going to be hard but if I have staked a claim, I am happy."



WALCOTT

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Glass to polish up Poole



JIMMY GLASS

FORMER Cherries star Jimmy Glass has joined the Poole Town revolution after linking up with the ambitious Dorset club as goalkeeping coach.

Glass, who was first-choice stopper at Dean Court between 1996 and 1998, is working on a voluntary basis with Dolphins pair Nick Hutchings and Nic Jones, *writes NEIL MELDRUM*.

He was co-opted by close friend and Poole assistant boss James Wood and spends one night a week at Tatnam with the newly-promoted Southern League outfit.

Glass, who runs Wimborne Taxis, had his appetite for the game rekindled after watching his nine-year-old son Jack play youth football for Lytchett Red Triangle.

"Since I quit playing about 10 years ago, I hadn't done any coaching because it wasn't something that really appealed to me," he explained.

"My son has been playing for the past couple of years and I thought I should

be doing a bit of coaching. If I'm honest, I didn't really fancy coaching kids because you have to deal with the parents and, from what I've seen on a Sunday, they can be a handful!

"James said Poole were looking for a goalkeeping coach and I thought why not. I have got all these years of experience as a professional keeper and I am enjoying passing it on. The coaching I had as a pro was quite limited."

Hit the headlines

Glass hit the headlines when he famously scored a last-minute winner to keep Nigel Pearson's Carlisle United in the Football League in 1999.

Since hanging up his gloves at 27, he has published a book - *One Hit Wonder: The Jimmy Glass Story* - which charts his eventful life.

Explaining his decision to work for Poole for nothing, Glass said: "I never really felt like your average footballer

and always asked more questions than I probably should have. I have got a love for the game and am not in it for the money.

"If I had wanted to make money out of it, I would have done it a long time ago and would be charging kids £20 an hour. If it ever were to become a job and I were to coach at a higher level, it would be different.

"I like what Poole are doing and what they are about. I like the way they have applied themselves in a higher league and how they are trying to get themselves back to where they once were as a club. If people are making loads of money and want to pay me, that would be great. But for a non-League team, the money is important to them and can be better spent elsewhere.

"I'm just happy with what I'm doing. I enjoy coaching the keepers, I go to watch them when I can and I enjoy watching my son play. It's great to get the boots and gloves back on!"

Cherries fans wrong to pin blame on Flahavan

JIMMY Glass believes some Cherries supporters are wrong to point the finger at ex-Saints keeper Darryl Flahavan for the club's indifferent start to the season.

Summer signing Flahavan has come under fire from a section of the fan-base since replacing contract rebel Shwan Jalal as Cherries' number one, *writes NEIL MELDRUM*.

The 32-year-old ex-Southend stopper has experienced mixed fortunes since boss Lee Bradbury gave him the nod ahead of Jalal following a pre-season joust.

But while Flahavan has been part of a team that has the third worst defensive record in League One, Glass says he should not be the man to carry the can.

First choice at Dean Court between 1996 and 1998, Glass, who lined up at Wembley for Cherries, made more than 100 appearances for the club and now runs Wimborne Taxis.

He said: "As much as keepers are very important, it is very rare they will be the cause of your problems. Clubs that struggle generally do so because they don't score enough.

"I listen to most games on the radio so I've got a gist of what's going on.

"From what I've heard, they are getting into good positions but not taking their chances.

"You could have Peter Schmeichel in goal but, if you keep missing chances, he wouldn't make a differ-

ence.

"Unfortunately, it is the nature of football to look at the goalkeeper when things aren't going well. It is also a measure of the manager and how he responds to it. I watched Jalal a couple of times last season and Flav has been around for a while.

"From reading between the lines, I think Jalal probably didn't do himself any favours in the contract talks.

"If they are not playing him because he wouldn't sign a contract then that goes against the team. But if he was too demanding then that would have gone against him."

Glass also thinks Cherries supporters may have been spoiled by the

achievements of the past three seasons - an heroic escape from relegation, promotion to League One and a play-off near miss.

He added: "The supporters have had it good for a couple of seasons. The reality is that they are not a mas-

sive club and they don't have massive finances. In some ways the chairman has come in and done a very good job.

"I think the supporters need to show a bit of patience because it was always going to be a tough season. They sold a few of their key players and the club doesn't appear to have the money to replace them. Football is tough on clubs that don't have strong finances.

"(Eddie) Mitchell has steadied the ship and the finances are probably looking better. I know supporters pay their money and are entitled to their say, but a little more patience is required."

Clubs that struggle do so because they generally don't score enough

Sports Quiz

- 1 Who was the top-scoring Premier League player in last season's Champions League?
- 2 For which county does Stuart Meaker play?
- 3 Which country came third in the 2007 Rugby World Cup?
- 4 Where will the 2014 Commonwealth Games be held?
- 5 How many Olympic gold medals has cyclist Bradley Wiggins won?



BRADLEY WIGGINS

- 6 Gregorio Manzano is coach of which Spanish football team?
- 7 Novak Djokovic has won how many grand slam tennis singles titles?
- 8 Kingsholm Stadium is home to which Aviva Premiership club?
- 9 Collins Obuya plays international cricket for which team?
- 10 Ricky Burns will face which fighter for the WBO lightweight title at Wembley on November 5?
- 11 Which current League Two club won the League Cup at Wembley in 1986, beating QPR 3-0 in the final?
- 12 England spinner Scott Borthwick plays for which county?
- 13 Basketball's New Jersey Nets will play under what name from the start of



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- the 2012-13 season?
- 14 Who won the first cricket World Cup in 1975?
 - 15 Vitantonio Liuzzi drives for which Formula One team?
 - 16 Pascal Chimbonda has joined which npower Championship club?
 - 17 Which Aviva Premiership side play their home games at Sandy Park?
 - 18 In which county is Newton Abbot racecourse?
 - 19 What is the name of Tampa Bay's Major League Baseball team?
 - 20 Who did Bill Haas beat in a play-off to win the Tour Championship and FedEx Cup play-offs last Sunday?
 - 21 How old is Alex Chamberlain?
 - 22 Tony Smith coaches which Super League side?
 - 23 Where does Rafael Nadal hail from?
 - 24 Who won the 1998 Formula 1 championship?
 - 25 England rugby union international Matt Banahan plays for which club side?

ANSWERS

1 Nicolas Anelka; 2. Surrey; 3. Argentina; 4. Glasgow; 5. Three; 6. Atletico Madrid; 7. Four; 8. Gloucester; 9 Kenya; 10 Michaela Kasidis; 11 Oxford United; 12 Durham; 13 The Brooklyn Nets; 14 West Indies; 15 Hispania; 16 Doncaster; 17 Exeter; 18 Devon; 19 Rye; 20 Hunter Majorca; 21 Mika Hakkinen; 25 Bath.

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AUGUST															
Sat 6 Leeds	W 3-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Martin	Harding	Do Prado**	Hammond*** 1	Cork	Lallana 1	Lambert	Connolly* 1	De Ridder*	Chaplow**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 9 Torquay (CC1)	W 4-1	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Seaborne	Martin	Dickson	De Ridder** 1	Chaplow 1	Schneiderlin	Holmes*	Lambert 1	Do Prado***	Lallana*	Hammond**	Forte*** 1
Sat 13 Barnsley	W 1-0	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	Lallana***	Lambert	Connolly** 1	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 16 Ipswich	A	W 5-2	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	Lallana*** 2	Lambert 2	Connolly** 1	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 20 Millwall	H	W 1-0	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Do Prado 1	Hammond*	Cork	Lallana**	Lambert	Connolly***	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 27 Leicester	A	L 2-3	Davis	Richardson*	Fonte	Seaborne	Do Prado**	Hammond	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly 1	Schneiderlin*	De Ridder**	Fox***
Tues 30 Swindon (CC2)	A	W 3-1	Bialkowski	Richardson	Seaborne	Martin	Holmes**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana	Forte* 1	Do Prado*** 1	Lambert* 1	Hammond**	Hoskins***
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 10 Nottm Forest	H	W 3-2	Davis	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Do Prado*	Hammond	Hammond	Lallana	Lambert 3	Connolly**	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	De Ridder***
Sun 18 Birmingham	H	W 4-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Do Prado* 1	Hammond	Cork**	Lallana*** 1	Lambert 1	Connolly	Chaplow* 1	Schneiderlin**	Lambert***
Wed 21 Preston (CC3)	H	W 2-1	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Martin	Hooiveld** 1	De Ridder*	Schneiderlin	Chaplow	Holmes	Reeves	Forte***	Lallana* 1	Fonte**	De Ridder***
Sat 24 Burnley	A	D 1-1	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Do Prado*	Hammond***	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly	Chaplow*	Schneiderlin** 1	Lambert***
Wed 28 Cardiff	A	L 1-2	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Do Prado	Schneiderlin	Cork**	Lallana	Lambert	Connolly	De Ridder* 1	Chaplow**	
OCTOBER															
Sat 1 Watford															
Sat 15 Derby															
Tues 18 West Ham															
Sat 22 Reading															
Tues 25 Crystal Palace (CC4)															
Sat 29 Middlesbrough															
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Adkins' praise for a first class showing



ON TARGET: Rickie Lambert scores from the spot.

SAINTS 4 WATFORD 0

NIGEL Adkins hailed his side's second-half performance against Watford, as Saints ran out 4-0 winners over the Hornets at St Mary's today.

After a tight opening period, with Rickie Lambert's controversial penalty the only thing separating the teams, the hosts accelerated away.

Adkins was thrilled with some of the football his players produced after the break, as they improved their grip at the top of the Championship.

"We've had to work very hard today in the first half," he said.

"We want to play out and they've presented us some challenges where we couldn't quite do it.

"I thought the crowd were great, because we weren't at

the races first half in respect of being able to play out.

"I think we understand that you get back at half-past two or three o'clock on Wednesday morning (from Cardiff) and have to try and recover again to go on a scorching hot day against a team that was going to make it difficult for us.

"But we want to play, and in the second half I thought we played some great football.

"We changed the shape round just before half-time, because we didn't have a grip of the game.

"We want to control the football and we didn't have that.

"We've changed the shape round, because we've got adaptability in the side, and the second half we demonstrated our level of fitness and we demonstrated that we can pass the football, and some of the play was great."

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KELVIN DAVIS	9	0	0	0	233	0	STEVE DE RIDDER	0(8)	1	2	1	2(8)	2	RYAN DOBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI	0	0	3	0	34(1)	0	RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(6)	1	2	1	42(12)	8	DANNY FOX	4(3)	0	0	0	0	4(3)
TOMMY FORECAST	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEAN HAMMOND	8	1	0(2)	0	97(3)	11	JOS HOOIVLED	4	0	1	1	5	1
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	2	0	37(3)	0	JACK CORK	9	0	1	0	34(1)	0	SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	8	0	1	0	26(7)	0	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	2(7)	1	3	0	96(22)	2							
DAN HARDING	5	1	1	0	93(3)	4	ADAM LALLANA	9	4	1(2)	1	135(20)	37							
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	2	0	19(10)	1	LEE HOLMES	0	0	3	0	18(14)	2							
BEN REEVES	0	0	1	0	1	0	RICKIE LAMBERT	9	6	1(2)	2	110(5)	62							
JOSE FONTE	9	0	0(1)	0	77(1)	7	LEE BARNARD	0	0	0	0	44(19)	24							
RADHI JAIDI	0	0	0	0	63(1)	4	GULY DO PRADO	9	2	2	1	37(12)	14							
AARON MARTIN	1	0	3	0	12(4)	0	DAVID CONNOLLY	9	4	0	0	27(20)	15							
DAN SEABORNE	4	0	2	0	35(15)	0	JONATHAN FORTE	0	0	2(1)	2	4(9)	4							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Adam Rant

This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

Naughty Jonny and the wrong balls

BARELY a day seems to go by without some sort of bizarre story involving the England rugby team.

If the partying at the midget throwing bar wasn't odd enough, then 'ballgate' as it has been dubbed is just as weird.

Jonny Wilkinson's kick coaching has incurred a suspension after being found to have changed balls for Wilkinson to kick.

The rules state you must use the same ball as was in play before a kick is taken but England were

adjudged to have twice deliberately changed the ball.

Now, this ball wasn't a slightly different shape, or weight, or anything like that.

It was just that Wilkinson preferred the others and had 'kicked

them in', the day before.

Just when is a ball not just a ball?

England appear to have got away quite lightly, which makes you wonder whether it was really worth the risk.

The Championship is the place to be



GREAT GAME: Rickie Lambert scores one of his three goals in Saints' exciting win against Nottingham Forest.

THE Championship is proving to be a fantastic division.

The fact that Saints are winning is of course helping football fans in this area to enjoy it all the more, but even without that it has made a refreshing change.

No disrespect to League One, which had its moments, but the Championship is a massive step up in class. In some respects it is very much like the Premier League was before the massive wages, bloated egos and huge influx of foreign players.

That huge influx of foreign players has forced much of the best British talent down to the Championship which is why that division now seems so good to our eyes.

It still has some of the blood and thunder elements that League One did, what some would refer to as 'proper football,' but it also manages to incorporate a huge amount of talent and skill.

The level of play is superb.

Very few teams play long ball, instead having the calibre of play-



GREAT GAME: Saints celebrate a goal in their win at Ipswich.

ers that can thrive in getting the ball down and passing it.

When Saints were the big boys of League One, sides would come down to St Mary's and look to shut the game down.

They would defend deep, get men behind the ball and just try and spoil, knowing to go toe-to-toe with Saints was likely to end in defeat, and possibly a heavy one.

There is not a bit of it in the

Championship. Nobody is scared of anybody.

Teams go out there and believe they can win matches.

They still have the work ethic but with so many top quality players, many just dropped out of top flight clubs as well, the standard of individual players and teams is very high.

And the most wonderful thing of all – you genuinely have no idea

what result you are going to see when you turn up at a ground.

People say that in the Premier League you know that most of the time the top teams will always beat ones lower down the scale, and as a result the times the also-rans face each other is often boring because the points are so vital that teams are afraid of pushing forward for getting caught out.

Even in League One, where you always have a few big clubs that have slipped down, you can often be pretty confident of predicting who was going to win when those sides are in action.

In the Championship, though, you genuinely don't have a clue, and it's hard to see that changing over the course of the season, even as teams get embedded towards the top or the bottom of the league.

Saints have been involved in some cracking games already this season.

It has become clear that this will be a gruelling season, such are the added demands on players as compared to League One.

But it looks like being an absolute belter.

Coaching specialists?

WHY on earth were England playing two random Twenty20 games against the West Indies at the end of September?

The schedule is utterly puzzling and ridiculously busy.

Watching Andy Flower trying to get his head around yet another format of the game, and against yet another team within such a short space of time, got Adam Rant to thinking.

We now have different captains and different teams for each format of the game – Tests, one day internationals and Twenty20s.

Why not coaches as well?

Flower, pictured, is no doubt doing a good job and might not want to relinquish any roles, but surely when he goes the time is right to give it some thought.

A specialist coach or manager for each side only seems to make sense.

As long as there is somebody overseeing them all then it's fine.

Gone are the days where the one day side, even the Twenty20s, were basically always picked from the same squad as the Test one, and therefore any division of power, be it in coaching or captaining, or even personnel, could cause internal problems.

Now each side is pretty much its own entity with its own stars and only a handful cross over all the different formats.

With that in mind, and such a packed fixture schedule to focus on, it just seems to make sense.



Paying the penalty

FORGET Carlos Tevez. There was a much bigger football story this week.

You may not have heard about it, such was the furore over Tevez's bench warming.

It happened to Kettering in their Conference national game against Hayes & Yeading.

Kettering were awarded a penalty and there was a very heated argument between two players – Moses Ashikodi and Jean-Paul Marna – over who would take it.

Eventually the nominated spot kicker missed, but Kettering did score from the subsequent corner.

No doubt incensed by the penalty miss, the argument continued after the goal and eventually blew up to a full blown fight in the centre circle.

That left the referee with little option but to send them both off before the game kicked-off again. Sorry Tevez, but you've got to go a long way to beat that.

Saints Spotlight

Magpies amazing recovery

WIMBORNE Town produced one of the greatest recoveries of modern day football last weekend when they came from 0-4 down to beat Halesowen 5-4 in a thrilling Southern League Division 1 (South & West) encounter at The Cuthbury.

Here, Jonathan Low looks at three other occasions of a team coming from four goals down to triumph.

1976
Bundesliga
Bochum 5 Bayern Munich 6

The home side romped into a 4-0 lead by the 53rd minute and must have thought a victory was secured.

However, in a remarkable next 20 minutes, Bayern hit back to lead 5-4. Bochum hit back to level before Uli Hoeness gave Bayern victory in the closing seconds.

1992
Non-League
Banbury 5 Shortwood 6

Banbury were 4-0 up at half-time and even led 5-1 with just 12 minutes to go, before Shortwood staged a sensational recovery.

1998
Ligue 1
Marseille 5-4 Montpellier

Second placed Montpellier cruised into a 4-0 lead after just 34 minutes at the Stade Vélodrome.

However, three goals in 10 second-half minutes brought the home side back into the game, before a penalty in the last minute from Laurent Blanc sealed an astonishing turnaround.

Almunia signs on

WEST Ham have signed experienced goalkeeper Manuel Almunia on a month's loan from Arsenal.

With regular number one Rob Green, below, sidelined for up to six weeks with a knee injury, manager Sam Allardyce has moved quickly to bring in Almunia on an emergency deal.

The 34-year-old, who has been at Arsenal since 2004, will be in the squad for the Hammers' trip to Crystal Palace tomorrow.

He will also likely play for West Ham when they visit Saints in a mouth-watering clash on Tuesday, October 18.

Allardyce was pleased with his 13th signing, and also sent his thanks to the Gunners for allowing the move.

"We've secured an excellent signing in the short term," Allardyce said. "It's a big thank you to Arsene Wenger and Arsenal for allowing us to get such a high-class and experienced goalkeeper."



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SPORTS EDITOR

PAUL Merson might have a Pompey background, but he entertained a whole host of Saints fans last weekend.

The ex-England international first turned out on Sunday afternoon for the Ex-Saints XI in the Help for Heroes charity fund-raiser at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium (see pages 4/5).

Then he was part of the Sky Soccer Saturday theatre production which took place at Southampton's Mayflower Theatre later that evening.

A capacity crowd of around 2,400 turned up to watch Merson, Saints legend Matt Le Tissier, Phil Thompson and Charlie Nicholas take part in the first such production of its kind outside the Sky studios.

Regular presenter Jeff Stelling was also there, and show organiser Mike Osman, the lifelong Saints fan and entertainer, was delighted at how the evening went.

"It was absolutely fantastic," he said.

"You never know how these things will go, especially as this was the first time the programme had ever been tried out on a stage before.

"I had worked with Merse and Matt before at dinners, but I'd never worked with Jeff Stelling, Charlie or Phil before.

"They were all great.

"Stelling was fantastic, Phil was his usual dour self, but very funny, while Charlie was his usual charming self.

Big highlight

"Merson was a big highlight, I don't know if people know how funny he can be, he's a brilliant speaker.

"They all got what I would call 'comedian laughs' in that there were real roars of laughter, like if they were watching Michael McIntyre."

Now the Mayflower event was such a success, Osman has reiterated his desire to take the Soccer Saturday concept around the country, this time staging the shows in major towns and cities and in arenas – such as the Bournemouth International Centre.

"As I have said before, Soccer Saturday is unmissable television if you're not going to a game on a Saturday afternoon and you've got Sky. Now I'd say it's unmissable in the theatre as well.

"It's a remarkable programme.

"If you had told me that a programme would hire four former professional footballers who would be watching games that the viewer couldn't see, and they would be asked questions about the games you couldn't see ... I would never have commissioned that as a programme.

"As it is, the bloke who commissioned the programme is a genius."

A well-known face on the after-dinner circuit, Osman has watched many ex-footballers give speeches.

Asked who he considers the best, he said: "Merson would be up there, as would Matt.

"I once toured with George Best and Rodney Marsh, doing theatre shows, and they were great.

"We only ever had one problem



MEETING THE STARS: Daily Echo competition winner Frank Harrison, third right, with his friend Eugene McWilliams (on Frank's right) with Sky panellists Matt Le Tissier, Charlie Nicholas, Jeff Stelling, Paul Merson and Phil Thompson. Right: Mike Osman.



How Merse had the Saints fans in stitches

with George and that was up in Sheffield, when Rodney tipped me the wink and we rushed him off stage.

"George was a lovely man.

"The problem was, he could drink and drink and you would never know he was drunk, then one drink later and, bang! – just like that, he was gone."

The master of after-dinner speaking, though, was Saints legend Alan Ball.

"Bally was fantastic," Osman remembered.

Captivate

"To watch Alan Ball speaking at a dinner was to watch a master at work, you could hear a pin drop.

"He would just talk about his life in football, which he made against all the odds.

"He would talk about his dad and how hard a taskmaster his dad was.

"Bally would captivate an audience more than anyone I've ever seen.

"He was a great player and a great person.

"Once, when he was Saints boss, I asked him if he could get me a car park pass for The Dell. He gave me his, that was the mark of the man.

"I asked him what he would do and he said 'if I can't get into the car

park, then we've all got problems!"

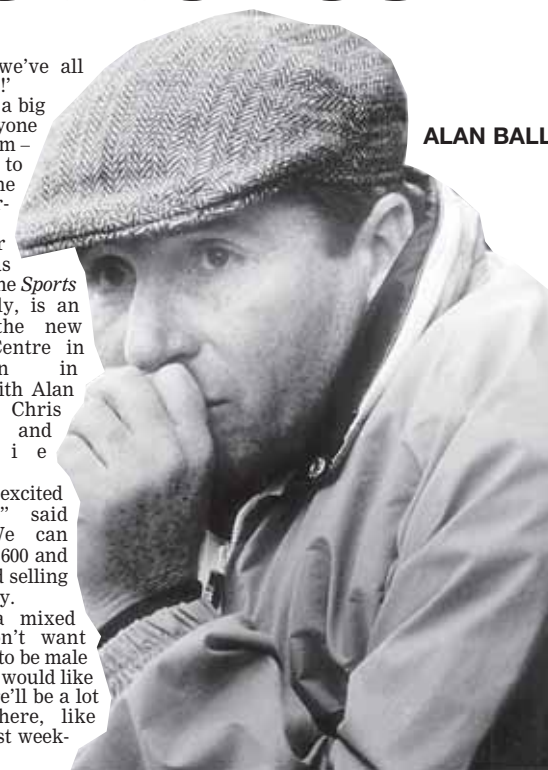
"Bally was a big loss to everyone who knew him – to his family, to football, to the speaking circuit."

Next up for Osman, as revealed in the *Sports Pink* recently, is an event at the new Eastpoint Centre in Southampton in December with Alan Shearer, Chris Kamara and Lawrence Kenney.

"I'm very excited about this," said Osman. "We can take around 600 and we've started selling tables already."

"It'll be a mixed event, I don't want these things to be male dominated. I would like to think there'll be a lot of ladies there, like there was last weekend."

ALAN BALL



FOOTBALL NOSTALGIA - SEE PAGES 40/41

Saints Spotlight

FORMER Saints striker James Beattie got fans talking this week when he said he would love to return to St Mary's.

The 33-year-old, who won three England caps during his time at Saints, is currently without a club after being released from his Glasgow Rangers contract by mutual consent.

Beattie is trying to get fit again in a bid to resume his career, and told the *Daily Echo* he would be keen to impress Saints boss Nigel Adkins.

But opinion has certainly been divided about whether the club should give Beattie a chance.

Here is just a small selection of the many comments fans posted on the *Echo* website dailyecho.co.uk

It would be great to see him score at home to Pompey again. I would love it to see that again. Love it!
timjim

What is there to lose with this? When did he have his best form? With us. Give an injury to Rickie and what have we got as back up? Nothing. I think we have nothing to lose with signing him up even on an initial six-month period. How is this ever going to be a bad thing for Saints?
FleetSaint

He wouldn't be first choice but would be great coming off the bench to batter the oppo for the last 15. We desperately need back up too if SRL gets injured. Connolly (football genius) is looking tired already too.
StMatt77

I would love to see him back - he would be great backup for RL, and we are one injury away from being very exposed in that area.
LeighLeicesterSaint

COME ON ADKINS... Bring Beattie home! :) Barney and Connolly are similar but not got another player like Lambert in our squad just incase.. Be a perfect option :)"
mattserg

It's a nice thought but we're looking ahead now - not back.
Confucious

For sentimental reasons, yes. But we have to be hard-headed and realistic. I don't think he would succeed back at Saints.
saint Compo

Put him initially on a pay for play contract, see if he's still worth his salt and can work with the current



Beattie return gets chins wagging

PAST AND PRESENT: Would James Beattie, above, be great cover for Rickie Lambert, right.

team. There'd be no harm surely.
Nod

"Pay per play contract until Jan would not be a bad idea. See if he can earn a deal to the end of the season. If not try and bring someone in during Jan."
jimmy.little

If Lambert gets injured then we would struggle for a target man, nothing ventured nothing gained"
AndySaint1976

Personally wouldn't let him near the dressing room. Yes he WAS a legend for the goals against the blue few. Too convenient for him - very inconvenient for Saints.
St.Yorkie



We don't need James Beattie. Guly is better in my opinion and Barnard's coming back. **StevieSteve**

There is no way on Gods green earth he fits in with the current team spirit and work ethic.

Those of you that want him back have short memories and little imagination (in my opinion) We can do so much better.
JannerSaint

The only way I can see Beatts making a return would be if NA got him in shape in the same way as Ricky and he was used as a straight swap for Ricky so we can rest him during games, etc.
allsaintsnocurves

We do need back up for Lambert, if, God forbid

he gets injured. But Beats wasn't exactly one for assisting the goals like Lambert does.

Best suggestion would be to take him on trial, play him in u21s and see how it goes, but to be honest, he just isn't good enough anymore.

Champions Hip

People who say, 'what is there to lose' are asking the wrong question and should ask, 'what is there to gain?' Several other people have already answered that with 'nothing'!
St. William

Cortese has one of the best commercial heads in the business and Adkins has one of the best football heads in the business.

For those two reasons Beattie won't get anywhere near Staplewood let alone St Mary's turf.
moulefanggoule

Dyer still wary of ex-Saints' threat

EX-Saint Nathan Dyer believes Stoke deserve huge credit for their achievements since reaching the Premier League and has called criticism of their approach insulting.

Dyer's Swansea are famed for their possession style and will clash with the Potters' more direct approach at the Liberty Stadium on Sunday.

And Dyer believes the threat posed by former Saints Peter Crouch and Kenwyne Jones prove that they are not one-dimensional.

He said: "They play a more direct style so there will be more balls in the air.

"But give them credit, how they play has

worked for them so you can't say it's the wrong way. It's not just long balls, they can play football as well. That's why they have reached the Europa League.



NATHAN DYER

"It's insulting and not nice to say they are just hoofers and love whacking the ball up the field. That's unfair. They can play and have good players.

"We play a different way and like to get the ball on the ground. We won't change our way and we will look to hurt them in a different way. We want goals and the win.

"A lot of people just see Peter as a tall target man who heads the ball, but I was a trainee at Southampton when he was there.

"I didn't know him well, but I used to watch him and he was brilliant with his feet.

"He brings others into the game.

"It's not all in the air. He is a clever player and pulls onto defenders' shoulders.

"And he has a great goalscoring record.

"I also know Kenwyne and he is a great athlete and his spring is unbelievable.

"Both of them will be tough to play against."

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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

CHERRIES 2011/12

August

6 Charlton (A)L 0-3
 9 Dagenham (H, CC)W 5-0
 Taylor 2, Pugh, Cooper, Feeney
 13 Sheff Wed (H)W 2-0
 Barrett, Arter
 16 Stevenage (H)L 1-3
 Arter
 20 Carlisle (A)L 1-2
 Arter (pen)
 23 WBA (H, CC)L 1-4
 Lovell
 27 Walsall (H)L 0-2
 20 Hereford (H, JPT)W 4-1
 Stockley 2, Pugh, MacDonald

September

3 Notts County (A)L 1-3
 Pugh
 10 Chesterfield (H)L 0-3
 13 Leyton Orient (A)W 3-1
 Arter (pen), Thomas, Pugh
 17 Exeter (A)W 2-0
 Thomas, OG
 24 HartlepoolL 1-2
 Gregory

October

1 Tranmere (A)D 1-1
 8 Rochdale(H)
 15 MK Dons(A)
 22 Bury(H)
 25 Colchester(A)
 29 Preston(A)

November

5 Scunthorpe(H)
 19 Wycombe(A)
 26 Oldham(H)

December

10 Huddersfield(A)
 17 Sheff Utd(H)
 26 Brentford(A)
 31 Yeovil(A)

January

2 Wycombe(H)
 7 Walsall(A)
 14 Notts County(H)
 21 Tranmere(H)
 28 Chesterfield(A)

February

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 11 Hartlepool(A)
 14 Leyton Orient(H)
 18 Rochdale(A)
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May

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MENTOR: Alan Curtis in action in for Saints in 1983.

MENTOR Alan Curtis has revealed Shaun MacDonald's "unbelievable talent" earned him the nickname 'Zidane' among a host of Premier League stars at Swansea.

Former Saints star Curtis helped nurture the midfielder through the ranks at the Welsh club and was one of the coaches MacDonald sought advice from before he decided to join Cherries last month.

MacDonald, who also worked with Curtis in the Wales set up, has shown glimpses of his undoubted quality during four appearances for Lee Bradbury's men.

The 23-year-old, who could eventually cost the club around £150,000, was aiming to return at Tranmere this weekend after missing the past three games due to a toe injury.

Curtis, who made 50 appearances for Saints between 1983 and 1986 after joining from Swansea, said: "Shaun has fantastic ability and was as technically gifted as any other player while he was here.

"We have got a host of different nationalities and Shaun was on a par with all of them.

"The players at Bournemouth will soon realise his ability is almost second to none.

"I know it was a big gamble for Bournemouth in terms of the outlay but they have got a fantastic young player on their hands who is going to get better and better.

"I hope he gets back soon because it is important to establish yourself quickly when you go to a new club.

Difficult decision

"We do an exercise here which is all about keeping possession and the other players called him Zidane because he never gave away the ball.

"If he did, there was something wrong somewhere and either someone else had made a bad pass or the groundsman needed sacking!"

MacDonald, the most-capped Wales under-21 international in history, opted to sever ties with his hometown club just weeks after Swans had returned to the Premier League.

He first joined the club as a six-year-old in soccer schools run by Curtis.

"I have known him a long time," said Curtis. "I know we are a Premier League club but it was just a question of Shaun not quite being able to break through into the first team.

"There was a realisation that he was probably going to have to move to progress his career.

"It was a difficult decision for him but we all felt that Bournemouth was a well-run club and they try to play football the right way. Sometimes, you have got to step back a bit before you can go forward again.

"He suffered a little here because he played wide right or left when he was in the first team and is probably better as a central midfielder.

"He is equally as talented playing at centre-half and was man of the match when he played at the back in a few reserve games.

"He is such a creative player and that will soon become apparent once he gets a run of games for Bournemouth.

"His performances will help the team get stronger and stronger."

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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Cherries show their mettle

TRANMERE 0 CHERRIES 0

CHERRIES weathered a late storm to continue their promising away form with a hard-fought goalless draw at Tranmere this afternoon.

In an even game that only gathered pace after the break, the visitors claimed a point after Rovers left their charge until the closing minutes, writes **IAN WADLEY**.

As the clock ticked down, the hosts pushed for a winner and Cherries endured three close calls before leaving the Wirral with their clean sheet intact.

Stephen Purches cleared an Ash Taylor header off the line as Les Parry's men forced the issue late on, before an Adam McGurk drive flew narrowly wide from distance.

Shaun Cooper then did well to divert a Jose Baxter rocket off target after the Rovers man had met a free-kick with a powerful strike.

Earlier, Cherries' best chances of a tight encounter had fallen to Wes Thomas and Marc Pugh. Thomas, who also had a decent heading opportunity, saw a goalbound shot blocked from close range, while Pugh failed to hit the target just before half-time from 12 yards.

Cherries boss Lee Bradbury reverted to his preferred away 4-1-4-1 formation, with Cooper shielding the back four and Thomas the lone striker.

Injured Mathieu Baudry was replaced at the heart of the Cherries defence by fit-again captain Adam Barrett, while recent recruit Stephane Zubar was handed his full debut. Player-assistant manager Steve Fletcher dropped to an attacking bench that included three front-men.



VITAL CLEARANCE: Stephen Purches.

The first opportunity fell to Tranmere on 14 minutes. Cherries were fortunate not to find themselves behind when Everton loan man Baxter missed from close range. McGurk beat Purches on the flank and after his low cross-shot had been partially cleared by Barrett, Baxter failed to hit the target.

Cherries tested Owain Fon Williams for the first time on 26 minutes, Jaime Peters's volley proving straightforward for the Rovers keeper.

But it was the hosts who were enjoying the better of the opening exchanges and they came within inches of scoring moments later. A swift attack stretched Cherries and McGurk's drilled cross left Darryl Flahavan in no man's land as it took a big deflection off Zubar and clipped the crossbar.

Particularly dangerous from set-pieces, Rovers were denied by an excellent Barrett block when Ian Goodison took too long over a promising shooting opportunity fol-

lowing a free-kick.

Steven Gregory, playing in an advanced midfield role, saw an effort blocked, while Baxter fired wide.

Despite Tranmere enjoying the better of the chances, Cherries could have taken the lead seven minutes before the interval. A trademark corner routine saw Gregory step over Scott Malone's delivery for the arriving Thomas to shoot, only for his goalbound effort to ricochet clear in a crowded penalty area.

Having steadily grown into the game, Cherries, trying to play out from the back, were warming to the task and missed a glorious opportunity just before the break. Latching on to a loose ball 15 yards out, Pugh should have done better when curling high over the Rovers crossbar.

Finishing the half well on top, Cherries saw a penalty appeal waved away by referee Andy Haines after a Purches cross had appeared to hit David Buchanan's arm.

In a frantic opening to the second

period, Cherries came flying out of the traps.

Tranmere were forced to hurriedly clear after Fon Williams had palmed away a testing Malone cross.

Peters then fired straight at the Rovers keeper from 20 yards after collecting a sweeping Pugh pass.

While Cherries were looking bright down the left through Malone and Pugh, Tranmere also took the chance to get on the front foot.

And having earlier seen claims for a penalty turned down after Malone had challenged Lucas Akins, Rovers were again unhappy when the referee ruled in Cherries' favour after an Akins cross had appeared to hit Zubar's arm.

With the game now a much more open affair, Goodison scooped over from close range before Thomas headed straight at Fon Williams following a pinpoint cross from Pugh.

Flahavan gathered at the second attempt from Enoch Showunmi's acrobatic volley before his opposite number did the same from a Gregory drive.

A bursting run from Baxter almost earned its reward when he latched on to a Showunmi flick, but Flahavan was equal to the low shot.

With Rovers pressing, Akins was next to test Flahavan after profiting from a superb pass over the top from McGurk.

Manager Bradbury resisted the temptation to throw on a second striker when he replaced Thomas with Ryan Doble on 77 minutes.

Cherries, on the back foot in the closing stages, were grateful to Purches as he cleared an Ash Taylor header off the line.

McGurk saw a 25-yard drive fly narrowly wide as he tried his luck before Cooper did excellently to ensure Baxter's drive failed to reach Flahavan.

POMPEY 2011/12

August

6 Middlesbrough (A) D 2-2
Norris, Varney
9 Barnet (H, CC)L 0-1
13 Brighton (H)L 0-1
16 Reading (H)W 1-0
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20 Bristol City (A) . . .D 0-0
27 Cardiff (H)D 1-1
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September

10 West Ham (A) . . .L 3-4
Varney, Norris, Halford
17 Hull (A)L 0-1
24 Blackpool (H) . . .W 1-0
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27 Peterboro (H) . . .L 2-3
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Pompey suffering from travel sickness

DANNY Pugh marked his second home debut for Leeds with a goal as Simon Grayson's men finally put their defensive frailties to one side to beat Portsmouth.

United's defence is notoriously porous and arguably cost them promotion last season, while it has been little better this time around, with a number of combinations failing to return a clean sheet prior to today.

But Grayson stumbled across the right formula this afternoon – although Greg Halford did go close to scoring for Pompey – and Pugh's 14th-minute header, his first since returning to the club from Stoke after five years away, helped extend Leeds' unbeaten run to four games.

They are now perched just outside the play-offs – having played a game fewer than everyone else – but the situation is not so pleasant for Portsmouth.

Last-minute losers against Peterborough in midweek, they have still to win away from home and have just nine points from their ten games so far, with only the dire form of the likes of Bristol City, Coventry and Millwall keeping them out of the drop zone.

LEEDS 1 POMPEY 0

Leeds' defensive record over the last 18 months has been so poor that even chairman Ken Bates voiced concerns about it in mid-week, and Grayson's response was to recall the previously-ostracised full-back Paul Connolly for a first appearance in a month.

Pompey also made a change on the back of recent performances, with goalkeeper Jamie Ashdown's blunder against Scotland winger Robert Snodgrass, no longer having to lie deep with rookie Tom Lees, to flourish.

Everything Leeds did early on went through Snodgrass, and his ninth-minute cross laid on the first opportunity, with Joel Ward digging the ball out as Andy Keogh looked set to pounce.

Snodgrass then skipped past Tal Ben Haim and worked his way into the box to produce a

cutback that looked to have allowed Ross McCormack to score for the seventh league game in a row but Greg Halford's block sent the ball behind.

Portsmouth put the subsequent corner straight back out for another one and from it, Pugh struck.

Having scored five goals inside a month of signing for the club in 2004, the home fans were well aware of his prowess in the area, and he displayed it once more as he lost Halford eight yards out and headed in Snodgrass' centre.

Leeds continued to impress after the goal, with Snodgrass driving just wide of the post after a 60-metre run on the back of Andy Loneragan's quick throw, before the same player worked an angle for Pugh who saw an effort blocked by Halford.

Despite his inconsistencies in his own box, Halford's presence caused mayhem at the opposite end not long after, with his header

from Liam Lawrence's free-kick forcing Loneragan into a wonder save, while he hit the bar on the follow-up.

Jason Pearce then cleared a McCormack cross from under his own bar, and although Loneragan had to beat away a Halford free-kick, Leeds remained in control through to the break – but Portsmouth looked decidedly livelier after it.

Ward's ball in behind caught the home defence napping and Loneragan had to be alert to save at the feet of David Norris, pictured left, while some good tracking from Aidie White stopped Lawrence from fashioning an opening.

Leeds were feeling the tension of having failed to score a second when on top, and Halford's ability to get on the end of almost every ball played into their box added to their worries, with Darren O'Dea deflecting one of his efforts behind.

At the other end, substitute Mikael Forssell was denied a clinching second by Henderson's flying save, but even though Loneragan had to scramble to tip over a Halford cross, Leeds held on without extending their advantage.



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Premiership Spotlight

Did You Know?

United's rare event

SAINTS famously scored three goals at Old Trafford 12 years ago in a 3-3 draw with Manchester United.

Among their goals was a long-range shot from Matt Le Tissier which United keeper Massimo Taibi fumbled through his legs.

Not many visiting teams have scored three times at Old Trafford since, with Basle the latest in this week's European Champions League outing.

Here, Jonathan Low takes a look back at the times United have shipped three goals at home since Saints' point in 1999.

1999/2000

25 Sept 1999: Man Utd 3-3 Saints (Premiership)

19 April 2000: Man Utd 2-3 Real Madrid (Champions League)

2000/01

23 Sept 2000: Man Utd 3-3 Chelsea (Premiership)

2001/02

17 Oct 2001: Man Utd 2-3 Deportivo La Coruna (Champions League)

1 Dec 2001: Man Utd 0-3 Chelsea (Premiership)

2002/03



RARE EVENT: Basle celebrate their third goal.

23 Nov 2002: Man Utd 5-3 Newcastle Utd (Premiership)

23 April 2003: Man Utd 4-3 Real Madrid (Champions League)

2003/04

25 Oct 2003: Man Utd 1-3 Fulham (Premiership)

11 Feb 2004: Man Utd 2-3 Middlesbrough (Premiership)

2004/05

10 May 2005: Man Utd 1-3 Chelsea (Premiership)

2008/09

1 Nov 2008: Man Utd 4-3 Hull City (Premiership)

3 Dec 2008: Man Utd 5-3 Blackburn Rovers (Carling Cup)

14 Mar 2009: Man Utd 1 Liverpool 4

2009/10

20 Sep 2009: Man Utd 4-3 Man City (Premiership)

3 Nov 2009: Man Utd 3-3 CSKA Moscow (Champions League)

2011/12

27 Sept 2011: Man Utd 3-3 Basle (Champions League)

Dancing with been so bad,

THE head of the Lawrie McMenemy Centre of Football Research based at Solent University in Southampton insists Sir Alex Ferguson was "wide of the mark" to criticise the role of television in the sport this week.

Ferguson freely admits he's a "confrontational" person, and he obviously likes winding people up with his mind games.

Nothing wrong with that; the psychology of football management is highly complex and no doubt he has won more than few trophies off the back of it.

After all, who can forget his words riling Kevin Keegan into his infamous 'I'd love it' rant against Ferguson back in the mid 1990s?

But even by Fergie's standards, he surpassed himself this week in what was his first major interview for the BBC for almost a decade.

Talking about the role of television in today's game, he said: "When you shake hands with the devil you have to pay the price. Television is God at the moment."

Fergie bristled that broadcasters had "too much power".

"It shows itself quite clearly because when you see the fixture lists come out now, they can pick and choose whenever they want the top teams on television."

"You get some ridiculous situations when you're playing on Wednesday night in Europe and then at lunchtime the following Saturday."

"You ask any manager if they would pick that themselves and there'd be absolutely no chance."

For Ferguson to complain about the role of television in football these days almost beggars belief.

It would be interesting to see whether his bosses at Old Trafford agree with him, or in fact whether any football chairman/chief executive would agree with him.

One man who does disagree is Dr Richard Elliott, pictured right, director of the LMCFR based at Solent University.

"Usually when Sir Alex Ferguson has anything to say most of the football world listens, because he is a very wise man," said Dr Elliott.

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"But in this case he was wide of the mark."

"Since the advent of the Premier League in 1992, and the introduction of satellite television, there is now so much money for the top clubs and Manchester United have benefited from that more than anyone else."

"Last season they earned around £60m from television, compared to someone like Blackpool who earned about half that figure."

"All Premier League clubs do very well because of the collective deal for TV rights, but Manchester United do better than everyone else because they are the biggest ticket."

"They have the biggest global appeal."

"It will be easier to sell a Manchester United game in somewhere like Singapore then if you were trying to sell a Blackpool one."

"Three factors combined to make United not only the footballing force they have become, but also the economic force they have become."

"First, you had the creation of the Premier League in 1992, then the huge gamble that BskyB took in climbing into bed with football and the Premier League."

"You have to remember that at the time BskyB were making huge losses."

"Thirdly, the above two things happened the same time that Ferguson was bringing through that great crop of youngsters like Beckham, Giggs, Scholes, Butt

and the Neville brothers."

Elliott admits that the television money has totally changed the footballing landscape in this country.

"It's hard to look back and see just how much the money has transformed the game."

"Television has helped provide the revenue for clubs to improve their facilities, and also provided the revenue for clubs to bring in some of the best players in the world."

"No one could argue that football now is in a far healthier state than it was 20 years ago, even 10 years ago and possibly even five years ago."

"Back in the 1980s you only had live games on a Sunday."

"BBC and ITV were the only two broadcasters, and you have the remember that football was on its knees at the time."

"We'd had three big disasters – the Bradford fire and Heysel in 1985 and Hillsborough four years later."

"It took the introduction of the Premiership and Sky TV to kickstart the process."

Dr Elliott carried on: "If you want to take the television money, you have to take the rough with the smooth."

"If sure the chairmen at Southampton and Brighton, two local clubs at the top of the Championship, wouldn't be complaining about the fixtures being changed if they were in the Premiership next season."

Saints have played

WIDE OF THE MARK: Sir Alex Ferguson.

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Premiership Spotlight



the devil hasn't has it, Fergie?

in some cracking games already this season in the Championship – Leeds at home, Ipswich away, Leicester away, Forest and Birmingham at home.

Value for money matches all of them, and that's saying something given how much it costs to watch football these days.

The entertainment level of those games has probably been better than some Premiership matches in recent weeks.

But no doubt all the St Mary's fans are craving the days when their club are back in the elite division.

As and when those days arrive again, I can't imagine anyone really complaining that the club will have to play at Saturday tea-time or Sunday afternoon. They've had those kick off times in

League One and the

Championship, just without the mega millions that go with participation in the Premiership.

I can't imagine Nicola Cortese will be particularly concerned with changing some kick off times, especially when Saints would be guaranteed at least 10 live games a season in the top flight with all the extra millions those matches would provide.

I wouldn't have thought Saints fans would have too

many grumbles either at being forced to travel to Norwich or Bolton on a Sunday or even a Monday night.

Not when you compare it to some of the away games they have undertaken recently, such as Hartlepool, Yeovil and Rochdale away in midweek.

Dr Elliott went on: "The formation of the Premier League in 1992 was about money.

"The 22 chairmen of the old First Division clubs involved in the talks will probably tell you it was about the football, but everyone else will tell you it was about the money.

"At the time you had 92 Football League clubs and everyone, from Manchester United down to Mansfield Town, got exactly the same share from the television deals.

"Manchester United and the other 21 clubs said why should that be the case when most of the money is generated by the First Division clubs.

Total broadcasting payments	Total: £56,226,932
2010/11 season	2009/10 season
1 Manchester United	1 Manchester United
Equal share £13,819,031m	Equal Share £14,616,431
Facility Fees £13,548,306	Facility Fees £13,049,296
Merit Payment £15,135,120	Merit Payment £15,208,056
Overseas TV £17,926,595	Overseas TV £10,122,612
Total: £60,429,052	Total: £52,996,395
2 Chelsea	2 Chelsea
Equal share £13,819,031	Equal Share £14,616,431
Facility Fees £11,616,454	Facility Fees £12,081,618
Merit Payment £14,378,964	Merit Payment £16,008,480
Overseas TV £17,926,595	Overseas TV £10,122,612
Total: £57,740,444	Total: £52,829,141
3 Arsenal	3 Arsenal
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Facility Fees £11,616,454	Facility Fees £12,565,457
Merit Payment £12,864,852	Merit Payment £14,407,632
Overseas TV £17,926,595	Overseas TV £10,122,612
	Total: £51,712,132

"Now of course you have huge disparities between the Premiership clubs' earnings and the rest.

"That is why clubs outside the Premiership clamour to get to the promised land."

At the moment, live football is everywhere.

On Friday, September 24 you could watch Brighton v Leeds live on Sky, followed by Stoke v Manchester United the following Saturday tea-time.

There were the usual live games on Sunday, followed by Norwich v Sunderland on Monday night.

Tuesday and Wednesday were Champions League nights, with the Europa League taking centre stage on Thursday.

Wall to wall footie, therefore.

So where will go from here?

Dr Elliott said: "There have been vari-

ous ideas mooted over the years.

"I heard someone say once that you will day be able to watch all your club's league games in a season live via a certain subscription package, but nothing came of that.

"Then there was pay per view, but that has never really worked in football.

"I don't see where else you could put football on television now.

"I would say the future is football on other media – possibly tablets and mobile phones, which would make football even more accessible

"Earlier this season the first ever FA Cup tie was streamed live on Facebook, and I remember an England international was streamed live on the FA's own website a few years ago after Setanta collapsed."

There are many things about football in the 21st century I do not like, compared to when I was growing up in the late 70s and early 80s.

But one thing it is impossible to moan about is the amount of football available on the box.

Yes, you could argue there is too much of it, but no-one is being forced to watch any of it.

Sometimes, when I'm in the *Echo* office working on a Sunday, I can break away from my computer screen and watch a live Premiership game at lunchtime, another at 4pm and then in the evening a live game from La Liga in Spain.

Overkill? Probably, but if you like football – and, it has to be said, don't have much of a social or family life – then it's great.

Compared to what we had back in the early 80s – a situation where the only live games shown in any season were the FA Cup final, European club competition finals, and internationals.

Not even the League Cup final was ever shown live, let alone FA Cup or League Cup semi-finals (let alone Johnstone's Paint Trophy semi-finals!)

Now kids growing up in this country have superb access to live football, and that can only be good for the game.

Can't it?

Anyway, what is beyond any reasonable doubt is that the cathode ray tube 'Devil' has been good for Manchester United, who in 1991/92 had a turnover of just over £20m, compared to their current turnover of around £300m.

And I certainly wouldn't expect anyone associated with the champions to complain about television's influence at their club.

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BOOK of the WEEK

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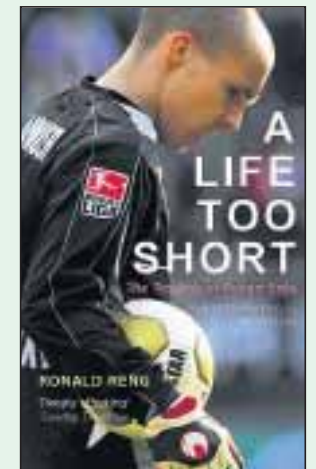
Most young boys who have ever played the game have also, often for just the briefest of moments, considered what it would be like to live the professional football dream.

It's an unattainable aspiration for all but the very best, although this fact rarely dampens youthful ambition until the stark realisation that it's never going to happen finally hits home.

German international goalkeeper Robert Enke was fortunate enough to make it to the very top, but beset by depression, in November 2009, he committed suicide aged just 32.

Enke's young daughter had died from a heart defect three years earlier, but he appeared to have recovered from this tragedy and, after breaking into the German national team, seemed assured of a place in the country's 2010 World Cup squad.

To outsiders, it appeared implausible



that a man apparently with the world at his feet could possibly suffer from depression, but Ronald Reng, Enke's friend of several years standing, reveals that the 'keeper had suffered for a number of years.

He points out that more people die from depression-related suicides each day than from road accidents, a revelation which suggests that the depression which affected both England footballer Stan Collymore and England cricketer Marcus Trescothick is not as isolated as we may think.

It transpires that Robert Enke wanted to write a book about depression when he retired from football.

Accordingly, he kept a diary, which he shared with Reng, though the author admits he has omitted some of the more traumatic entries.

The overwhelming majority of top-flight footballers grow accustomed to handling big-match pressure, but clearly, despite the enormous financial rewards which are now an integral part of the game, some are haunted by the terror of depression.

This story won't stop young boys dreaming, but it may just help that handful of established stars who experience depression's terrifying, debilitating, affects.

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Non-league Action

WHITE-HOT WINCH

Winchester City . . . 6
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■ SYDENHAMS PREMIER

WINCHESTER City punished depleted Blackfield & Langley 6-0 this afternoon to complete a Sydenhams Premier Division double over the troubled Watersiders.

With Winchester's Leigh Mills unavailable and Blackfield's Charlton Clarke ill, both sides were minus a skipper and influential centre half.

It was the visitors who forced the first corner after six minutes – Warren Hunt sneaking in at the back post to meet Ashley Johnson's delivery but hitting a first time shot straight at keeper Ryan Gosney.

Winchester then released Jamie White with a long through ball and the ex-Saint was floored by Scott Sampson. The big defender was booked and City made a hash of the free kick.

On 15 minutes another of City's ex-Saints, Mike Byrne, bundled Ben'yela Ngwa off the ball at the expense of a penalty.

Winchester must have feared the worst when Blackfield's master marksman Hunt stepped up to the spot but Gosney dived the right way and saved at his bottom right-hand corner.

Four minutes later Johnson's misplaced pass let in Graham Lindsey but the Blackfield man was bailed out by keeper John Howard.

With little to choose between the sides, half chances followed at



STARRING ROLE: Winchester's Jamie White celebrates his first goal.

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either end until Winchester drew first blood on 32 minutes.

New signing Adam Roberts escaped down the left and played in

Tom Dunford. He crossed to the back post where Charlie Smeeton knocked it down for WHITE to fire home his first goal for the club.

White almost got a second on 37 minutes but the ball bounced off keeper Howard and Johnson cleared the danger.

By now Winchester were dominant and WHITE made it two on 41

minutes with another predatory finish after Smeeton had done brilliantly to get back on his feet and deliver after being challenged on the right of the area.

Blackfield made a change of keeper at half-time, bringing on veteran Steve May to release Howard to play out-field in place of Danny Horrell.

It took just two minutes for May to be beaten by a crisp CHRIS MASON strike after Smeeton had done well to keep the ball in and lay it back from the right by-line.

City threatened to score more through Smeeton and White before Gosney protected their 3-0 lead with another excellent save to foil Hunt who unleashed a dipping shot on the turn from the edge of the box.

But on 63 minutes Blackfield were again pulled wide open at the back with White teeing up MASON to beat May with another precision finish.

It got worse for Blackfield in the closing stages. With only one sub, May, available, they had to play the last 20 minutes with ten men after Glen Knight had gone off injured.

City punished them again on 74 minutes when WHITE beat May from an acute angle on the right to complete his hat-trick.

Ex-Eastleigh mid-fielder Mason tried to match White goal-for-goal but sent one long-range effort over and drilled another behind.

At one stage the Watersiders were down to nine men when Ngwa went off for treatment.

In the second minute of injury time Winchester substitute DOM ALLEN rubbed salt in the visitors' wounds by firing in City's sixth.

Easy for Eastleigh

Eastleigh 3
Cinderford 1

■ FA CUP 2ND QUAL ROUND

EASTLEIGH ended Cinderford's unbeaten away record this season with a 3-1 victory, writes MALCOLM CLARKE.

Eastleigh, seeking to win a place in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup for the sixth successive season, recalled Billy Tsovolos to the starting line-up in place of Henrik Breimyr whose parent club, Aldershot Town, did want him cup tied.

Early on Eastleigh were given a scare when, following a free kick from Dale Evans, Lewis Summers headed against the top of the crossbar.

Eastleigh came back and both Tom Jordan and Andy Forbes went close before Jordace Holder-Spooner hit the crossbar.

In the 25th minute Eastleigh took the lead when a corner on the right from Montgomery resulted in Andy Forbes flicking the ball on for TOM JORDAN to score.

The home team went further ahead nine minutes later when another corner resulted in ANDY FORBES scoring from close range.

However, Cinderford almost replied instantly when Jordan was adjudged to have fouled in the penalty area but Gareth Barfoot was able to save both Dwight Whittington's penalty and the follow-up shot.

Eastleigh had a goal disallowed before half-time. They were looking comfortable but their task was made even easier when ANDY WHITE, who had come on as a substitute, raced clear and scored with his second attempt.

However, Cinderford replied in the 84th minute when substitute NICK MCCOOTIE found himself clear after a good move following a free kick and he made no mistake.

Cinderford's captain Dale Evans was then sent off but, to their credit, they kept battling till the end, but they could not get the goal which would have set up an interesting derby.

Clevedon Town 1 AFC Totton 2

TOTTON booked their place in Mondays FA Cup third qualifying round draw with a late winner at the Hand Stadium.

The Stags started poorly and allowed Clevedon to go close after eight minutes when Jordan Walker headed just wide.

Totton grew in confidence and Nathaniel Sherborne shot just over after good work by Jonathan Davies. Two minutes later Totton went close to taking the lead when Michael Charles flicked the ball past home keeper Alex Leaman but his shot came back off the post.

The Stags went in front after 34 minutes when Sherborne was brought down in the area and Mike Gosney converted the penalty.

Totton started the second period on top with Sherborne twice going close.

A period of sustained Clevedon pressure midway through the second half saw Chas Hemming's point blank header saved by Porter before a defensive lapse almost let in Matt Fisher.

The introduction of Mark Osman with ten minutes left brought some sparks to the flagging Totton front-line but it was the home side who grabbed the next goal on 85 minutes with a superbly struck free kick by skipper Ashley Kington.

With the tie looking destined for a replay the Stags grabbed a winner three minutes from time when Ryan Scott's shot from the edge of the area was deflected into the net by Town's Sam Johnson.

HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE 4 SHOLING 1
SHOLING crashed out of the FA Cup at Havant & Waterlooville after kick-off was delayed in bizarre circumstances, writes SIMON WALTER.

Several Havant officials had to level the goal-line with shovels and a heavy roller when sharp-eyed referee Ian Crouch revealed that one of the Westleigh Park crossbars was not the correct height.

Once the officials were happy, Sholing were well beaten by their Blue Square South opponents, who go into Monday's draw for the third qualifying round.

Havant captain Lee Peacock and winger Craig Braham-Barrett had both gone close before midfielder Steve Ramsey drove the home side into a 26th minute lead.

RAMSEY fired across goal and into the bottom corner after Sholing had failed to clear their lines.

The closest Sholing came to scoring in the first half was when Havant defender Sam Pearce's 25-yard chip nearly beat his own goalkeeper.

A spectacular own goal was prevented by Lyall Beasley's outstretched leg.

PEACOCK doubled Havant's lead five minutes before the break. The tall striker's first time 20-yarder flew into the bottom corner.

Kevin Gibbens ploughed a lone furrow in intense heat throughout the first half.

With Sholing in need of a goal, Lee Wort replaced Adam Stride at half-time.

He nearly had an impact within a minute of coming on but he scuffed a left-footed shot wide with his first touch. And after good approach play, drove into the side-netting with his right.

WES FOGDEN ensured there would be no upset by extending Havant's lead in the 52nd minute. Having been denied by a last-ditch tackle and Mike Carter's goal-line clearance at the near post, he made no mistake with the rebound.

BRAHAM-BARRETT put Havant 4-0 up 12 minutes later. Former Portsmouth winger Sammy Igoe rattled the inside of the post and Havant's other wide-man side-footed in the rebound.

Havant could have scored more. Igoe's attempt at a box was directed straight at Mike Hookway and substitute Scott Jones sent a diving header just wide.

Sholing defender DAVE MARDEN headed in an 89th minute consolation from Tyrone Bowers' cross before his tackle denied Havant's fifth.

Misfiring Salisbury get the job done

THE Whites made hard work of getting into Monday's draw for the third qualifying round against Evo-Stik Southern Premier side Swindon Supermarine with the final 3-0 score-line flattering the hosts.

The early exchanges were even with Robbie Matthews narrowly missing the target on three minutes from Adam Kelly's cross and then Dan Fitchett getting into the box but firing a right foot effort wide.

The visitors replied on six minutes when ex-Salisbury player Bradley

Salisbury City 3
Sw Supermarine . . . 0

■ FA CUP 2ND QUAL ROUND

Gray got clear down the right but sent his cross shot wide of the far post and then two minutes later a clearance came out to Supermarine's Robert Dean who could only aim a weak header at Salisbury keeper Tommy Smith.

Supermarine then underlined their threat with Jamie Pricot setting up chances, first sending a cross into the Salisbury box which Smith just managed to push round the far post and then a second cross allowing Gray a headed chance which looped over the top.

On 32 minutes Smith was forced into a brilliant stop from Max Etheridge's header but Salisbury replied and took the lead just before the break through Brian Dutton who volleyed home from the edge of the

box after receiving a squared ball from Kelly.

The second period saw the visitors still fighting hard against lacklustre Salisbury and they should have equalised on 54 minutes when Victor sent a teasing low ball to the far post where Bradley Gray somehow contrived to miss from one yard out.

At the other end Salisbury could have wrapped it up with 18 minutes remaining when Kelly was brought down in the box but Robbie Matthews' penalty gave Kent

Kauppinen a chance to save a spot kick.

With five minutes remaining substitute Matt Wright should have done better with a volley from close in but it was 2-0 in time added on as Kelly, with time and space, struck a right foot effort past the helpless keeper.

Just before the final whistle the Whites got their third following a great one-two between Darrell Clarke and Fitchett which saw the latter find the net.

Non-league Football

Non-league News

Gamble hits jackpot
FORMER Winchester City striker Mark Gamble got Bashley back on track last Saturday after a three-match winless run.

The Northern Irishman, below, bagged both goals in the Foresters' 2-0 Evo-Stik Premier victory at Arlesey Town.

"Mark has been putting himself under a bit of pressure to score goals. He gets frustrated with himself," said Bash boss Steve Riley.

"But we had a long chat and Gambo showed what he is all about. He was phenomenal and a thorn in their side all game. His first was a good poacher's goal and the second was an excellent free kick."

Gamble first appeared on the local scene with Winchester City in autumn 2006 having been steered their way by ex-Saint Jon Gittens who was then running the Southampton Solent University side.



Thai's the limit

AFC TOTTENHAM are staging a 'Celebrity Chef Evening' on Monday, October 17.

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Cox goes to Town

SOUTHERN One Central outfit Fleet Town have signed utility man Patrick Cox from Bashley.

The former Salisbury City player joined Bash during the summer from Gosport Borough.

Oilers teenager lands role as regular penalty taker

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FAWLEY AFC's Sam Wiltshire has exploded the myth that it takes an experienced, old head to handle the pressure of taking penalties.

At just 17 and a half, Wiltshire – son of team boss, Paul – has been deadly for the Oilers from 12 yards since taking over the duties from Callum Earl. During Earl's recent absence, Wiltshire has twice stepped up to the spot with positive results.

He kept a cool, calm head in the opening minutes at Romsey Town last Saturday to set the Oilers on their way to a 3-1 FA Vase second qualifying round victory.

"You usually think of a more experienced player taking penalties, but Sam's always been confident about taking them," said Wiltshire snr.

"He used to take them when he was at Eastleigh and he'll always step forward to take the first one in a penalty shootout."

Although Earl was due back from holiday for today's home game against Newport IoW, he won't be reclaiming the penalty-taking duties any time soon.

"I told him before he went away that he wouldn't be on penalties any more – much to his disgust!" smiled team boss Wiltshire.

"Since I've been at the club Callum's had three penalties and hasn't scored any of them."

"He strikes a lovely ball and you'd usually put your mortgage on him to score."

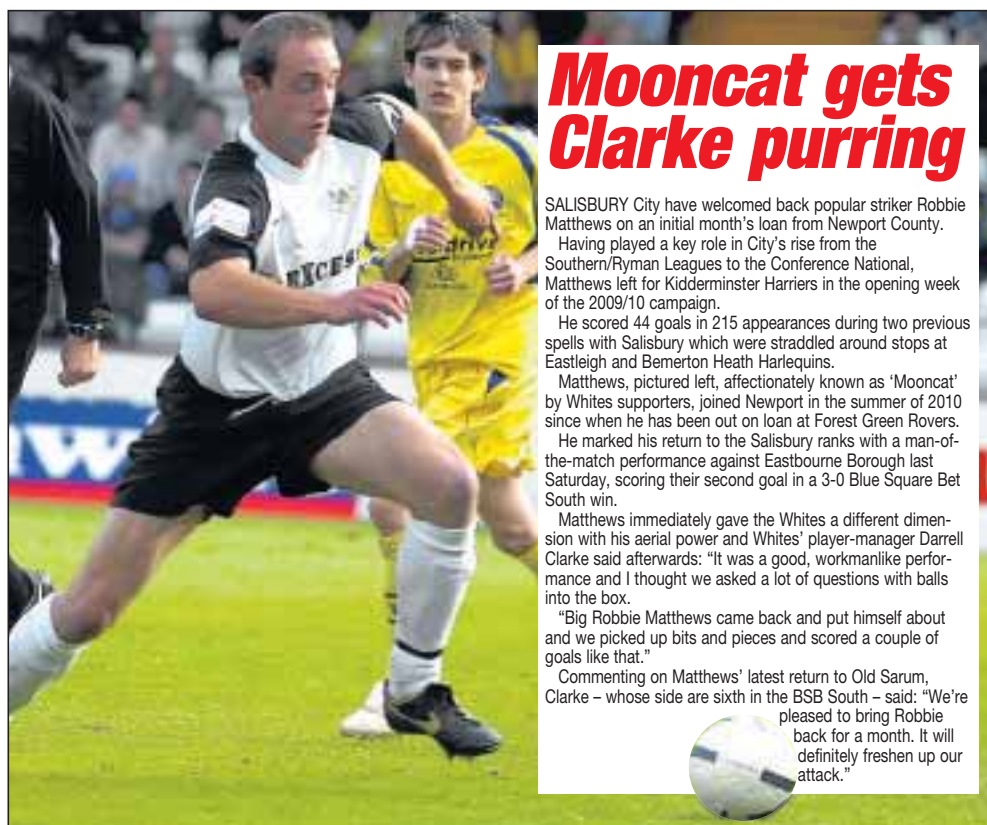
"Whether I've put the mockers on him, I don't know."

"When we got one over at Brading, the chairman was stood alongside the dugout and I said 'oh no, not Callum!' when he (Earl) stepped up to take it."

"The chairman looked at me all accusingly and said 'what's wrong with Callum?' and I said he hadn't scored a penalty since I'd been at the club."

"Sure enough Callum missed and the chairman turned round and said: 'Perhaps you're right!'"

As things turned out, Fawley won that Brading game 2-1. But it was the



Mooncat gets Clarke purring

SALISBURY City have welcomed back popular striker Robbie Matthews on an initial month's loan from Newport County.

Having played a key role in City's rise from the Southern/Ryman Leagues to the Conference National, Matthews left for Kidderminster Harriers in the opening week of the 2009/10 campaign.

He scored 44 goals in 215 appearances during two previous spells with Salisbury which were straddled around stops at Eastleigh and Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

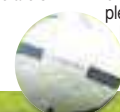
Matthews, pictured left, affectionately known as 'Mooncat' by Whites supporters, joined Newport in the summer of 2010 since when he has been out on loan at Forest Green Rovers.

He marked his return to the Salisbury ranks with a man-of-the-match performance against Eastbourne Borough last Saturday, scoring their second goal in a 3-0 Blue Square Bet South win.

Matthews immediately gave the Whites a different dimension with his aerial power and Whites' player-manager Darrell Clarke said afterwards: "It was a good, workmanlike performance and I thought we asked a lot of questions with balls into the box."

"Big Robbie Matthews came back and put himself about and we picked up bits and pieces and scored a couple of goals like that."

Commenting on Matthews' latest return to Old Sarum, Clarke – whose side are sixth in the BSB South – said: "We're pleased to bring Robbie back for a month. It will definitely freshen up our attack."



Islanders who took the lead after Earl's penalty had been saved, leaving the Oilers to hit back with two goals in the last ten minutes.

"We're a young side and we need to take those chances," said Wiltshire. "Not long after we'd missed the penalty, Brading went down the other end and scored. Had we lost the game 1-0, it would have been very disappointing."

Wiltshire's penalty at Romsey, awarded for handball by Ross Gregory, was followed by a cracking 25-yard Steve Hall free-kick which doubled the Oilers' advantage.

Simon De'Ath hit back from the spot and Romsey had another penalty appeal turned down for a foul on

Chris Morris before Lewis Ross's screamer made the tie safe for Fawley.

"Romsey's penalty was dubious," said Wiltshire. "My other lad, Adam, was clearing the ball and Romsey's Ben White came in from behind and caught him as he tried to nick it."

"But five minutes later one of the Romsey lad's (Chris Morris) ran from the halfway line and was pulled down which, for me, was a stonewall penalty. But I think the ref realised his earlier mistake and evened things up."

Romsey boss Wayne Mew said: "I thought they were both penalties and the one against us was harsh because Ross Gregory had his arms down by his side."

"When I spoke to ref, he said 'nobody complained' and I said that was because we were all so stunned he'd given it!"

"We were behind after two or three minutes which put us on the back foot, but Fawley probably deserved the win."

Wiltshire agreed: "I thought it was well deserved. We dominated the first 20 minutes before Romsey came at us a bit."

"We started the second half slowly and Romsey could have got back into the game, but our keeper Jon Page made a couple of good saves."

Fawley's reward is an October 22 trip to Western One outfit Shrewton United in the first round proper.

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Non-league Football

Taffy: I'd dropped below tea lady in pecking order!

TAFFY Richardson opted to cross the great Dorset divide after feeling he had dropped below the tea lady in the Poole Town pecking order.

The 44-year-old, who famously skipped Wimborne Town to FA Vase glory in 1992, swapped camps last week when he returned to Cuthbury after an 18-year absence, **writes NEIL PERRETT.**

Although he has signed permanently for Wimborne, he would like the move to be viewed as an informal loan arrangement.

Richardson, pictured right, who is close friends with Poole boss Tom Killick, explained: "I don't want to burn my bridges with either club."

Richardson crosses the Dorset divide for first-team football

"I was a non-contract player at Poole so, technically, I couldn't go anywhere on loan. The rules say you can transfer as many times as you want, providing you stay at each club for at least a fortnight."



"There were lots of factors in the decision. (Wimborne boss) Steve Cuss was a big factor because I get on well with him. "If I were still a young man, I would probably still be at Poole and kicking people

'I don't want to burn my bridges with either club'

in training like I used to in an attempt to win back a place in the team.

"But I was so far down the pecking order, I think I would have had to kick the tea lady to get a game because everyone was before me."

"I was on the bench for three games and didn't get on. I didn't think I was going to get a game for a while so took the opportunity to move."

"Also, I had tendonitis for three months and hadn't been able to play or train."

"Tom brought in other play-

ers and they have done really well."

"There was no point in me sitting on the bench and, this way, I am playing and getting fit again."

Asked whether he felt his days at Poole were over, the former Basingstoke, Bashley and Eastleigh midfielder replied: "That would depend on a lot of things, not least how I settle at Wimborne and whether Poole might want me back."

Richardson, who once vowed never again to play for Wimborne following former boss Alex Pike's sacking in 1993, made his second debut for the club during their extraordinary 5-4 win over Halesowen on Saturday when

the Maggies came back from 4-0 down.

"I have learned that you should never say never," he said. "I was young and stupid when I made that comment – and now I am old and stupid!"

Richardson added: "It was an unbelievable game on Saturday and was like playing for two teams."

"We were terrified of getting the ball in the first half, but like a new team once we had scored."

"The supporters were great and made a big difference because they stayed positive even when we were 4-0 down."

Wimborne were on the losing side on Monday, however, beaten 2-0 at Taunton Town.

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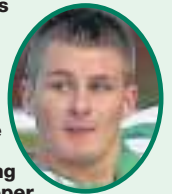
Silence for Scott

A MINUTE'S silence was observed at both Downton and Bemerton Heath Harlequins last Saturday in memory of goalkeeper Scott Kemmis, who died aged 42. Kemmis was a well-known face in Wessex football having played for both Wiltshire clubs, Winchester City and the old BAT Sports.

Urry for the Lavvy

DANNY Urry is back on board with Sydenhams Premier outfit Laverstock & Ford.

The attacking midfielder/striker, below, was one of two Lavvy players to sign for Evo-Stik Premier Division outfit Swindon Supermarine during the summer along with goalkeeper Kent Kauppinen.



Urry, who has also had stints with Salisbury City and Andover, made his Marine debut on the opening day of the season against Brackley Town and also featured in their 4-0 defeat at AFC Totton.

Rimmer on move

DANNY Rimmer has left struggling Sydenhams Premier side New Milton Town and joined high-flying Division One outfit Petersfield Town. Rimmer's Fawcett's Field departure came just days after management duo Steve May and Daran Atkins had parted company with the New Forest club. The former Horndean midfielder was one of a host of new arrivals signed by May and Atkins during the summer.

WINCH SIGNAL INTENT WITH DOUBLE SWOOP

WINCHESTER City have beefed up their squad with two new arrivals.

Danny Cox and Adam 'Taz' Roberts are the latest to sign for the ambitious Sydenhams Premier Division club.

Cox, who played 30 minutes for City's reserves in Monday's 5-0 Wyvern Combination win over Petersfield, joins from Sholing after a 20-month injury lay-off.

The ex-AFC Totton striker was Winchester's top scorer before moving to Portsmouth Road two years ago.

Former Eastleigh wideman Roberts has switched from Poole Town, where he found appearances hard to come by.

City owner Paul McCarthy is delighted with his new acquisitions



AMBITIOUS: City owner Paul McCarthy.

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as he looks to step up the push for promotion to the Southern League.

"Danny and Taz are two terrific signings for the club and they will add a great deal to the current set up," he said.

"Danny was with us before and did fantastically well. He was our top goalscorer before he left."

"He's still a month away from first-team action but played well in the 30 minutes he had on Monday."

"Taz is a gifted wide man. He tracks back, works hard for the team and will get his fair share of goals."

When asked whether there will be any more signings, McCarthy remained tight-lipped.

"There may be some movement," he said. "Some performances by certain individuals have not been up to scratch."

City came off second best in last Saturday's summit meeting away at league leaders Bemerton Heath Harlequins, losing 3-1.

Trailing to a Joe Sanger goal, they had ex-Saints defender Mike Byrne sent off for a second cautionable offence and, from the subsequent penalty, Jack Slade made it 2-0 from the spot.

Alek Przespolewski pulled one back for City, also with a penalty, and they felt they should have had another when Przespolewski hit the deck.

City boss Guy Butters was dismissed from the dugout amid the



NEW RECRUIT: Adam 'Taz' Roberts, left.

protests and his day deteriorated when Harlequins skipper Slade struck again to condemn the visitors to their second league defeat.

Afterwards Butters insisted his side would have to cut out silly mistakes.

"We need to stop giving teams head starts," he said.

"We played well as we decided to go for it and they scored on the break."

"Their penalty was soft, but you see them given – and we had one in the second half that should have been."

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Stu's wish is granted

STUART Ritchie's wish to add a physical presence to his table-topping AFC Totton squad looks as though it's been granted.

The voice of combative midfielder Ryan Scott on the other end of the phone was just what the Stags boss needed to hear.

After a history of injury problems, Scott, below, hung up his boots during the summer, aged 24, because he felt he had taken enough of a battering.

But after a few months away, he is ready to put his body on the line again for the Stags having played a major part in their promotion to the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

Welcoming the former Aldershot and Farnborough battler back on board, Ritchie said: "I've been searching for that type of player for a few weeks. We've missed Scotty's physical presence."

"What with his injuries and work he didn't expect to play this season, but he's had a good rest and he's going to try again. If he breaks down, then he'll have a decision to make, but he's played a local game at no real standard and come through it with no reaction at all."

"Scotty's a bit of a bully and you need that in this league. We could have done with him against Hitchin last Saturday."

"It's a physical league and, if you're not physical, you are going to get beaten."

Totton lost that Hitchin match 1-0 - their first home defeat of the season.

"We were dire in the first half. They stifled our game and made it hard for us," said Ritchie.

"In the second half we took the game to them and we should have scored, but we didn't and we paid the consequences."

Providing Totton's FA Cup tie at Clevedon is resolved today, they will be at home to Cirencester Town in the league on Tuesday.

Crowd hope

RINGWOOD Town are expecting a decent crowd at the Canotek Stadium on Wednesday (October 5, 7.45) for the visit of New Forest neighbours AFC Totton in the FA Youth Cup second qualifying round.

Ringwood progressed to this stage by winning 3-1 at Chippenham Town, while Totton beat Weymouth 7-0.

Admission at Long Lane is £2 adults and £1 concessions.

Sub Marv in the driving seat



TWO GOALS: Dan Cann.

INJURY-HIT Poole Town were so hard up for players at Didcot last Saturday that they named coach driver Paul Brown on the bench!

But even the jolt of having new recruit Marvin Brooks dismissed after just 20 minutes for a professional foul on Craig Faulconbridge couldn't spoil the Dolphins' day.

Didcot were also reduced to ten men when Alex Stanley picked up a second booking for a foul on Scott Joyce.

And Poole, who had struck early through Joyce

and Dan Cann, pressed on for a comprehensive 5-2 Southern One South & West victory with Cann, Carl Preston and Russell Cook all on target.

It was a pleasing result considering the Dolphins were without the unavailable Kevin Gill, Michael Walker, who was getting married, and the suspended Sam Clarke.

Didcot's former Basingstoke and Farnborough manager Francis Vines resigned after the game and Poole boss Tommy Killick acknowledged: "We probably caught Didcot at

a good time. They seemed to be in turmoil and looked ragged."

"But we were depleted as well and, under the circumstances, I was really pleased with the way we played because we were a bit short on bodies."

"Paul Brown is a good driver, but I'm not sure about his footballing prowess, so I was glad I didn't have to call on him!"

Vines, 49, only took over at the Didcot helm three months ago following the resignation of Ady Williams.

"He had just two players

and a strict budget to work with following the Oxfordshire club's relegation from the Evo-Stik Premier Division.

"I'm very disappointed that I couldn't deliver for them," he said. "If five or six players had stayed from the end of last season there would have been something to build a team around."

"But you can't keep getting beaten four or five each week and hope everything works out."

"To get beaten 5-2 was very disheartening for me and the players."

Hussey: We're not on spending spree



STUART HUSSEY: He expects top-four finish.

STUART Hussey says Lymington Town's financial status has been blown out of all proportion.

The Southampton Road manager is keen to lift the pressure off his players by unburdening them of what he insists is a false 'big spenders' tag.

"We're not a team that pays nothing, but we're not among the top three or four paying big money either," he said.

"The club themselves are putting no more than expenses into the budget and, from their point of view, they would really like to finish in the top eight."

"The expectation of finishing higher than that comes from Matt (co-manager Matt Hussey) and myself who have targeted the top four."

"Twenty-two teams can't all win the league, but Lymington have set themselves up as a top-eight club and we feel we're in the same boat as Bournemouth Poppies, Hamworthy and so on."

"Matt and I have set our sights on going as high as we can and we'd be extremely disappointed if we don't make the top four. But we still maintain that, for us, a top-four finish would be the equivalent of winning the league."

Talk of 'big spending Lymington' refuses to go

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away, however, and, predictably, Town have become one of those clubs that everyone aspires to beat.

"It's not sour grapes, but teams are upping their performances when they play us because people keep saying

secondly they've come to play for me and Matt; and thirdly because of the great team spirit we've got here with everyone playing together."

"Our players are expected to do well - and rightly so because they're extremely talented."

"But there seems to be a real weight of expectation on their shoulders and I need to take the pressure off our boys a bit."

"We're a new team and we're still getting used to playing together in what is a very competitive league."

"You can't look at the fixture and say 'we've got Hayling, Horndean or Fawley coming up, so that's three points guaranteed.' It doesn't work like that."

"I've noticed that any team is capable of beating anyone else on their day."

"We're going about our business quietly, but we've not got the finances of some of the other clubs who have Southern League centre forwards playing at Wessex League level."

We're still getting used to playing together in a very competitive league

we're paying a lot of money," said Hussey.

"But we've got a squad of 14 or 15 players and for people to say they're on big money is just not true. They're on nothing of the sort."

"There are three main reasons players have joined us - firstly because they get terrific coaching from Dave Puckett;

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STEVE STANDS UP FOR THE OVER-40s



WARREN HUNT: On target for Blackfield & Langley against Hamble.

STEVE May wasted no time putting his New Milton disappointment behind him.

Just days after he and co-boss Darren Atkins had parted company with the Linnets, the former Havant & Waterlooville keeper was installed as goalkeeping coach at fellow Sydenhams Premier outfit Blackfield & Langley.

May, 45, also signed playing forms at Gang Warily which came in handy for last Saturday's FA Vase tie against GE Hamble.

With Luke Hutchings, Jamie Bray and John Howard all injured, he was the last 'keeper standing for the second qualifying round tie which Blackfield won 4-1 to book a home tie against Brockenhurst.

"Steve played on Saturday and he was excellent," said Blackfield boss Louis Bell.

Massive difference

"His presence makes a massive difference, he's so experienced.

"I know Steve from way back. He was a top keeper at Havant & Waterlooville and he played for me at Fareham and also at Horndean.

"I've always liked him. He's got a great attitude and a great knowledge of goalkeeping.

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"He had a bit of a rough time at New Milton, but he bounced straight back and contacted me.

"Steve's 45 now, so he's brought up the average of our squad by about 20 years! We're quite a young side and the lads were caning him about his age in the dressing room."

Bray has yet to kick a ball this season, having been out for six weeks with a thigh muscle tear, while former Aldershot Town youngster Hutchings has been struggling with a bad ankle.

"Luke's been playing through it, but he shouldn't have been," said Bell.

Howard – brother of Reading's ex-Saint Brian – has also been injured, but was due back for today's trip to Winchester City.

Blackfield have become a bogey team for Hamble this season, having already knocked them out of the FA Cup at Gang Warily.

This time it was goals by Warren Hunt, Scott Sampson, Liam Horsted and Ben'yela Ngwa which proved the

Planemakers' undoing with Ashley Jarvis bagging a late consolation.

Hamble's cause wasn't helped by having skipper James Roden red-carded and co-manager Danny Bowers sent from the dugout. Bowers's dismissal was later retracted due to mistaken identity.

Misunderstanding

"A comment was made from behind the dugout and it was a misunderstanding from the referee," explained Paul Cotton, joint manager of the former Sydenhams Premier leaders.

"It was a very disappointing day for us. We didn't turn up.

"With the squad we've got, the lads were very upset.

"But although we've had a bad run, only two of the four losses have been in the league

"We've lost one in Hampshire Senior Cup, one in the Vase and had a couple of kicks up the backside in the league, but we were never going to go the whole of the season without losing."

Burnett lands ex-Town trio

NEW boss Glenn Burnett launched his New Milton Town salvage operation this week by signing three of his former Romsey charges.

One of the newcomers, Tom Donaldson, made his debut last Saturday in a 2-1 FA Vase defeat at Alton Town.

Another, Callum Tanner, oozed quality in central midfield on Tuesday as New Milton chalked up the first win of Burnett's reign – and their first Sydenhams Premier points of the season – by seeing off Hayling United 2-1 at Fawcett's Field.

Both Donaldson and Tanner played for Burnett at Romsey and were recently reunited with him at Blackfield & Langley where he briefly spent time as assistant to Louis Bell.

Wide man Donaldson featured only once as a substitute for Watersiders in the Wessex League and, in Tanner's case, he saw no action at all – hence New Milton were cleared to sign him.

"Callum was outstanding on Tuesday," said Burnett. "I call him the Wessex League's Cesc Fabregas!

"Richie Phippard, the New Milton secretary, turned to me afterwards and said 'what a player he is.'

"Callum was at (AFC) Totton as a youngster and then went to Romsey.

"He came to Blackfield in the summer but pulled a hamstring in pre-season against Havant & Waterlooville, so no one really got to see him at the time and he didn't play one minute of football for them."

Burnett's third ex-Romsey signing is midfielder Nathan Bailey, who spent time at Farnborough in his teens and left Romsey to go to Australia for a year.

With New Milton deep in trouble at the foot of the Wessex Premier, there will be several more signings to follow and Burnett is relishing the opportunity to revive the fortunes of the ailing New Forest club.

The 37-year-old, a qualified UEFA B coach, replaced former bosses Steve May and Darren Atkins who failed to bank a point in their six league games in charge.

Burnett, who will be assisted by John McFarlane, said: "The squad is light and a few are a little shy on fitness.

"There are reasons why the team conceded 27 goals in their first six games and we are looking to address them.

"I've looked at the next few games and the fixtures have been fairly kind because we miss a few of the big boys. Every game is going to be tough for us but, hopefully, we can get some points on the board.

"I don't think the league is at its strongest this season and there are other clubs on small budgets who are doing fantastically well.

"The job doesn't frighten me and there is no reason why we can't turn things round. But it is not going to happen overnight because it is almost like starting again."

If New Milton's future opponents are anything like as indisciplined as Hayling, Burnett's task might not be as tough as he first thought.

The Humbugs ended Tuesday's game with eight men having had Jack Salter-Vaile and Lenny Burney sent off for two bookings and substitute Julian Boniface shown a straight red for a late tackle.

Hayling also had manager Lee Paul and kitman Rob Lilley dismissed from the technical area, while New Milton ended the contest with an unblemished disciplinary record.

"It was the first time I have seen anybody smile since I've been at the club," laughed Burnett afterwards. "I don't think they have had too much to smile about this season.

"Even though Hayling had three men sent off, I thought we played better against 11."

Vickers: We'll bounce back

DEFIANT former Eastleigh defender Ashley Vickers believes he is the right man to take Blue Square Bet South club Dorchester Town forward.

The Magpies fell to their third consecutive defeat last weekend, beaten 1-0 at home by leaders Woking, and some sections of the Avenue Stadium faithful feel the time has come for a change at the helm.

But 40-year-old Vickers, pictured, is adamant he and his players will bounce back from recent disappointments.

"Everyone is entitled to their opinion but pressure is just something you have to respond to," he said.

"You have to rise to it and I always will," he insisted.

"If the time comes when the people who matter believe things should

change, then so be it. But for what we have and what we pay out on average, we get good value for money. The chairman has been on record saying that before.

"My belief in myself, my players and our principles is unwavering. The most successful people in life have failed at times because they put themselves out there. I will always put myself out there

and do my best for those players and the club.

"People have short memories in football. I've kept this club in the league for two seasons and now we want to push on.

"My bouncebackability is unquestionable. No matter how many times I hit the deck I will always get back up and I'll be stronger for it. The players are the same."



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EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Totton	10	8	0	2	27	7	24
Oxford City	10	7	1	2	14	10	22
Stourbridge	10	6	3	1	14	8	21
Cambridge	10	6	1	3	18	8	19
Chesham	10	6	1	3	16	11	19
Leamington	10	5	3	2	12	10	18
Hitchin Town	10	5	2	3	23	15	17
Brackley	10	5	2	3	20	14	17
Banbury	10	5	2	3	15	11	17
Frome Town	10	5	2	3	13	12	17
Bashley	10	5	2	3	13	14	17
Chippenham	10	5	1	4	12	10	16
St Albans	10	4	1	5	18	20	13
Barwell	10	3	2	5	17	19	11
Arlesey Town	10	2	3	5	8	12	9
Weymouth	10	2	3	5	12	20	9
Bedford Town	10	3	0	7	12	22	9
Redditch	10	2	2	6	8	13	8
Swindon Sup	10	2	2	6	10	19	8
Evesham	10	2	1	7	7	15	7
Hemel Hemp	10	1	4	5	8	16	6
Cirencester Tn	10	1	3	6	11	20	6

Southern League Division 1 South & West

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungerford	9	8	1	0	19	25
Bideford	8	6	1	1	18	19
Paulton Rovers	9	5	3	1	17	14
Cinderford Tn	9	5	2	2	14	17
Halesowen	8	4	2	2	15	11
Poole Town	9	5	0	4	23	15
Thatcham Tn	7	4	3	0	11	14
Mangotsfield	9	5	0	4	16	15
North Leigh	9	4	2	3	20	14
Sholing	8	4	1	3	13	13
Bishops Cl	9	4	1	4	8	11
Thiveton Tn	8	3	1	4	11	9
Gosport	8	2	4	2	7	8
Taunton Town	8	3	1	4	13	10
Clevedon Tn	9	2	1	6	16	20
Bridgwater Tn	9	2	1	6	12	22
Wimborne Tn	7	2	1	4	12	23
Abingdon Tn	8	1	2	5	8	14
Didcot Town	8	1	2	5	5	17
Stourport	8	1	1	6	7	15
Yate Town	9	0	4	5	7	16

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bemerton	10	6	2	2	24	11	20
Christchurch	7	6	0	1	19	8	18
Winchester City	8	5	1	2	19	13	16
GE Hamble	8	5	1	2	17	11	16
Hamworthy	9	3	5	1	18	11	14
Bournemouth	9	4	2	3	15	8	14
Lynton Tn	7	4	1	2	14	9	13
Moneyfields	7	4	1	2	20	20	13
Fareham Town	9	3	4	2	15	14	13
Romsey Town	10	4	0	6	20	21	12
Totton & Eling	7	3	2	2	16	11	11
Fawley	7	2	1	4	16	13	10
Newport (IOW)	7	3	1	3	10	16	10
Alresford Town	10	3	1	6	19	27	10
Alton Town	5	3	0	2	11	8	9
Downton	8	2	2	4	16	10	8
Brading Town	7	2	1	4	12	7	6
Blackfield & L	5	2	0	3	10	9	6
Hordean	5	1	3	1	4	5	6
Laverstock & F	10	2	0	8	19	32	6
Hayling United	6	1	0	5	5	15	3
New Milton Tn	7	1	0	6	8	28	3

● Tables do not include today's games

IT'S GOOD TO

Eastleigh midfield ace Brown just can't go without Conference South football

JAMIE Brown says the time he spent away from Eastleigh last season made him appreciate how much playing Conference South football means to him.

After four whole-hearted years' service at the Silverlake Stadium, the diehard frontman/midfielder had his contract terminated by mutual consent in December 2010 following a two-week ban for a breach of club discipline.

Brown spent a couple of months playing for Winchester City, but felt like a fish out of water in the Wessex League and made an unexpected return to Stoneham Lane towards the end of March.

His name was then included on a list of nine senior players released as the club underwent major summer changes following their failure to reach the Blue Square Bet South play-offs.

But the 30-year-old came bouncing back like the proverbial rubber ball in pre-season and is now one of the wise 'old' heads steering Eastleigh's new-look side through a testing start to the campaign.

"I had a couple of months off from Eastleigh which put me in good stead because it made me realise how much I want to play at this level," said Brown, who – barring his City break – has plied his trade in the Conference South ever since leaving BAT Sports as a teenager.

Prior to joining Eastleigh for a four-figure sum in September 2006, he scored

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34 goals in 216 appearances for league rivals Dorchester Town.

Without the likes of the wily campaigners Anthony Riviere, Tony Taggart and Peter Adeniyi, Eastleigh's class of 2011/12 lacks some of the experience of years gone by.

A new, young, full-time element has been introduced in the shape of Andrew White, ex-Saint Jordace Holder-Spooner, Billy Tsovolos, Ben Wilson, Aldershot loanee Henrik Breimyr and 16-year-old bright spark Sam Wilson who has been on trial at Premier League outfit Fulham this week.

"I enjoying playing with these lads," said Brown. "They're young, but they're better footballers than I will ever be!"

"We've got no 'big time' players here. The young ones all listen to the older lads, which is good."

"I believe we've got a decent squad here and we're capable of finishing mid-table if we can play like we did away at Sutton. "Like Bairdy (manager Ian Baird) has

said to us, we've not got any cliques here and the team spirit is really good.

"It's not about full-time and part-time players, it's about being a team."

"As long as the spirit is there, I believe we won't go too far wrong."

Although Eastleigh weren't at their best last Saturday, they picked up three priceless points in a 2-1 home win over Staines Town.

Brown bagged the 25th-minute winner, reacting quickest after Holder-Spooner's firm shot had been spilled by goalkeeper Louis Wells at his near post.

"We were good in the first half even though we conceded a sloppy early goal, but we were

rubbish in the second half," said Brown. "To play badly and still win is good, but we've got to try and find a happy medium."

"We're not starting games well. "For 15 minutes or so we look lethargic, as if we haven't got any confidence and we don't want to be there."

"Everyone's got to keep talking to each other. We need all 11 players pulling together. We can't afford one person to have an off-day."



Mew relief as Town tighten up

WITH 22 Sydenhams Premier goals conceded already this season, Romsey Town needed a stronger spine to their side.

They achieved that on Tuesday as the arrival of Danny Barker in central midfield and Jamie Thoroughgood in central defence provided added solidity in a 3-0 home win over Moneyfields.

The experienced Barker has returned to the Bypass Ground after a stint with Colden Common, while Thoroughgood has moved down from the Guildford area to study in Southampton.

"It became clear we needed an extra man in



midfield and we needed an 'old' head like Danny to steady the ship," said manager Wayne Mew, pictured above.

"He came in and did well, as did Jamie Thoroughgood playing alongside Ross Gregory in central defence. Jamie's been playing for Guildford City and I got a call from his manager saying he

was coming down to university in Southampton and was looking for a game."

Romsey also rang the changes in the pre-match warm-up with former Andover assistant manager Andy Darnton preparing Town for battle.

Ironically, Darnton has stepped in to take on the role that Barker filled for a brief spell last term.

"Danny came to us to help with the coaching, but then he disappeared and that's when I first spoke to Andy," said Mew.

"He came in and did the warm-up on Tuesday and was in the technical area."

"We don't have specific positions at this club, but the more people the merrier."

Many hands make light work!"

Gregory got Tuesday's victory under way with a far-post header and Chris Hall and Macs Sampays got in on the act after the break.

For once, goal machine Simon De'Ath wasn't on the score sheet but he forced veteran Moneyfields goalkeeper Dave Hook to save with his legs and also hit the bar.

"It's been a good night what with having new faces around and getting the win as well," smiled Mew.

It was also sweet revenge for Romsey, who lost an 11-goal thriller 6-5 at Moneyfields in August.



Aris leaves big shoes to

DUE to personal commitments, Fareham Town's under-18s B manager Rob Aris has had to step down.

Aris has been an integral part in the setting up of Town's youth programme, guiding the under-17 and under-18 sides last season. The Cams Alders club would like to thank him for

everything he has done over the past two years and wish him every success for the future.

As a result, Fareham are urgently looking for a replacement manager/coach to take over the reins for the rest of the season.

The team are in the Hampshire Youth League

Division 3 and play games on Sundays. The position with someone with experience but, above enthusiasm and attitude with the. If anyone is interested in having a chat about vacancy please contact Mundy on 07889

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DO BE BACK



BACK WHERE HE BELONGS: Jamie Brown score's Eastleigh's second goal against Staines, above, and, left, wheels away to celebrate.



QUICK-FIRE TREBLE: Nic Turpin, left.

Nic so quick to impress

NIC Turpin's seven-minute hat-trick was the highlight of Downton's runaway 9-1 FA Vase win over Ringwood Town last Saturday.

After defender Ben Smith had bagged the opening goal on 18 minutes, the floodgates burst open with Declan McGregor (2), Vince Rusher and Danny Finnigan all getting in on the scoring act before Turpin struck in the 79th, 84th and 86th minutes.

And there was still time for Matt Palmer to complete the rout from substitute Harvey Coker's fine cross.

The victory earned the rampant Robins a home tie against Sydenhams Premier rivals Fareham Town on October 22.

"We could have scored 15," said Downton boss Jeff Softley. "We wanted to repay the

chairman, Mark Smith, for all his efforts and the money from the Vase is a great help."

The goals kept flowing at Wick Lane on Tuesday as Downton edged a league thriller 5-4 against Totton & Eling.

The Robins went 2-0 and 4-2 up only to be pegged back by their never-say-die visitors.

Craig Feeney looked to have salvaged a point for Totton in the closing stages, but it was Downton who had the last word with defender Josh Thomas plundering a dramatic winner four minutes into stoppage time.

Steve Marwood (2) and Jimmy Anderson were also on target for the Millers, whose boss Kev Dawtry admitted: "It must have been a very entertaining game for spectators but, as a defensive coach, you wouldn't have enjoyed it."

Waller suffers a lobe blow

ALRESFORD Town goalkeeper Chris Waller found himself the unwanted centre of attention at East Cowes Vics last Saturday when kick-off was delayed by seven minutes while he had an ear stud pulled out.

Having been told by the referee that he couldn't play until the offending piece of jewellery had been removed, Waller struggled to shift it until co-boss Tim Cole stepped in with a pair of pliers!

In the event, Waller had a reasonably relaxed afternoon as Alresford ran out handsome 4-0 victors in the FA Vase second qualifying round, setting themselves up with a mouthwatering home tie against neighbours Winchester City on October 22.

It continued a solid start to the campaign for the former Basingstoke Town keeper who has made the

number one spot his own since taking over from Dan Chapman towards the end of last term.

"Chris came through the ranks at Basingstoke and also had a season at Tadley Calleva," explained Alresford co-manager Danny Robinson.

"He fell out of love with football for a while and then joined us as cover for Dan Chapman – and he just wouldn't go away!"

"He's generally the first to arrive at every training session and the last to leave."

"Dan Chapman was a fantastic servant to Alresford for years, but he got married and settled down and is busy with family life."

"That opened the door for Chris and he came in and really took his chance. He's done brilliantly since he came into the side around February time."

"He made a bit of a howler



WHAT'S HAPPENING EAR, THEN! Chris Waller has his ear stud removed by Tim Cole.

against Fareham recently, but all keepers make mistakes and every error gets magnified.

"But Chris responded really well when we beat Bournemouth Poppies 2-0. He didn't have a great deal

to do, but what he did do he did really well. His handling was exemplary in wet and slippery conditions and his kicking was fantastic."

"Goalkeepers are a strange breed and I don't get them all the time, but Chris has been brilliant for us and we're lucky enough to have two goalkeeping coaches who work really hard with him."

Dean Cole fired the Magpies ahead at East Cowes – his first goal since returning to the club from Blackfield & Langley. He was joined on the score sheet by Scott Waters, substitute Mike McEnery and Ash Ledger.

Cole was on target again on Tuesday night, along with Ledger, as the Magpies fought out a rip-roaring 2-2 league draw with Hamworthy United (Luke Burbidge, Greg Horlock).

"It's good to have Dean back to add his experience to such a young side," said Robinson.

"Dean's a leader on the pitch and you can't buy that sort of experience."

"We're blessed with three quality strikers in Dean, Mike McEnery and Stuart Mott, who came to us from New Milton."

"Stuart's a bit of an unsung hero. He's 6ft plus, big and strong and yet he's only 19. He's a real handful. "He holds the ball up well and that's something we didn't have before."

With top scorer Warren Bentley now back at university, Ledger has been moved from wide right into central midfield.

Alresford have also lost striker Tom Riddell for the time being because of his uni studies at Oxford Brookes.

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Non-league Football

Local and national football fixtures for the week ahead

Monday, October 3
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Eastleigh v Bashley.
Division One East: Winchester City v Alesford Town.

Tuesday, October 4
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
Northern Section second round:
 Accrington Stanley v Tranmere.
 Huddersfield v Bradford, Morecambe v Preston, Notts County v Chesterfield, Rochdale v Walsall, Rotherham v Sheff Utd, Scunthorpe v Oldham.
Southern Section second round: AFC Wimbledon v Stevenage, Aldershot v Oxford Utd, Bournemouth v Yeovil, Dag & Red v Southend, Exeter v Swindon, Gillingham v Barnet, Wycombe v Cheltenham.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
Premier: Gateshead v Wrexham.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Cirencester, Arlesey v Barwell, Bedford v St Albans, Cambridge City v Hemel Hempstead, Chesham v Hitchin, Chippinham v Leamington, Stourbridge v Banbury, Weymouth v Oxford City.

Division One South & West: Halesowen v Didcot, Hungerford v Sholing (7.30), North Leigh v Cinderford, Stourport v Yate.
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
Second round: Bashley v Bournemouth Poppies, New Mill v East Cowes Vics, Blackfield & Langley v Hordean, Stockbridge v Winchester City, Hythe & Dibden v Christchurch, Fareham Town v Alesford, Whitchurch Utd v Ringwood, AFC Portchester v Lyngington Town.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Moneyfields v Brading.
PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
Division One: Locks Heath v Hedge End Rangers (7.30).

Wednesday, October 5
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
Northern Section second round: Crewe v Macclesfield.
Southern Section second round: Charlton v Brentford.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: SwINDON Supermarine v Evesham.
Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Tiverton (7.30).
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Fawley AFC v Hayling Utd.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One West: Hythe & Dibden v Downton

Williams at the double

■ GOSPORT & FAREHAM FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIGHTING Cocks thrashed Village Home 8-1 in the first round of the Fareham Town Sunday Supplementary Cup.

Goals came from Williams (2), Ward (2), Tyrell, Sheehan, Savage and an own goal.

Watts, Barnes, Smith and Davis scored as Warwash Village won 4-1 at home to Parkway Athletic.

Leigh and Sparkles netted as WPM beat Whiteley XI 2-0.

In the second round, Glencoe defeated Heathfield Royals 5-1 with goals from B Suffield, Smith, Brant, Sharp and Linger.

Folk Falcons won 4-1 at Eagle thanks to Ward, Reynolds, Baker and Panting.

In the first round of the Portsmouth & District Sunday Junior A Cup, Sawyer and an own goal replied for Shabba in their 4-2 home loss to Titchfield.

In the first round of the Junior B Cup, Lee Cricket Club Reserves thrashed Sirloin of Beef 8-0 with Foster (3), Webb (2), Hamilton (2) and Harden.

In Division 3 of the Gosport & Fareham Sunday League, Seaview Rangers were caned 7-2 at home by AFC Middlecroft. Singleton and Thorn replied.

In Division 4, Holbrook scored through Lee, Walsh, Stirling and Lavin in a 4-1 home success against AFC Seahorse.

Not Harv bad!

ISLE OF WIGHT SUNDAY LEAGUE: Alex Harvey was truly sensational as he netted four goals for Shorwell in their 9-1 thumping of Fairway in the Isle of Wight Sunday League.

Tom Dye, Kev Mitchell, Mike Kennet and Gareth Bricknall also netted with an own goal completing the rout. Joe Collins replied.

Chris Fletcher bagged a hat-trick as Solent Lions beat visiting GKN East Cowes 3-2.

Goals from Adam Johnston (2), Jack East (2) and Robbie Simmonds gave Northwood A a 5-3 home win against Royal Canaries. Jimmy Carter (2) and Chris Murray replied.

HKE Falcon won 4-1 at Sands Hotel with Scott Morrisson, Luke Wotton, Stuart Chiverton and an own goal on target. Ellery Peak replied.

HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP
First round: AFC Portchester v Forest Town.

Thursday, October 6
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group One: Germany U21 v Bosnia-Herzegovina (ESV-Stadion, Greece U21 v San Marino U21).
Qualifying Group Two: Sweden U21 v Slovenia U21.
Qualifying Group Five: Croatia U21 v Spain U21.

Qualifying Group Six: Portugal U21 v Poland U21.
Qualifying Group Seven: Liechtenstein U21 v Italy U21.
Qualifying Group Eight: Azerbaijan U21 v Norway U21, Iceland U21 v England U21.
Qualifying Group Ten: Austria U21 v Holland U21, Luxembourg U21 v Scotland U21.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
Premier: Cambridge Utd v Stockport.

Friday, October 7
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group A: Azerbaijan v Austria,

Belgium v Kazakhstan, Turkey v Germany.
Qualifying Group B: Andorra v Rep of Ireland, Armenia v FYR Macedonia, Slovakia v Russia.
Qualifying Group C: Northern Ireland v Estonia, Serbia v Italy.
Qualifying Group D: Bosnia-Herzegovina v Luxembourg, France v Albania, Romania v Belarus.
Qualifying Group E: Finland v Sweden, Holland v Moldova.
Qualifying Group F: Greece v Croatia, Latvia v Malta.

Qualifying Group G: Montenegro v England (7.45), Wales v Switzerland.
Qualifying Group H: Cyprus v Denmark, Portugal v Iceland.
Qualifying Group I: Czech Republic v Spain.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group One: Cyprus U21 v Belarus U21.
Qualifying Group Two: Malta U21 v Ukraine U21.
Qualifying Group Four: Denmark U21 v Faroe Islands U21, FYR Macedonia U21 v Serbia U21.
Qualifying Group Five: Georgia U21 v

Switzerland U21.
Qualifying Group Six: Moldova U21 v Russia U21.
Qualifying Group Seven: Turkey U21 v Hungary U21.
Qualifying Group Nine: France U21 v Kazakhstan U21.

Saturday, October 8
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group I: Liechtenstein v Scotland.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group Three: Wales U21 v Montenegro U21.
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League One: Bournemouth v Rochdale (1.00), Bury v Exeter, Carlisle v Brentford, Charlton v Tranmere, Colchester v Yeovil, Huddersfield v Stevenage, Preston v Sheff Utd, Souththorpe v Leyton Orient, Sheff Wed v Chesterfield, Wycombe v Walsall.
League Two: Aldershot v Macclesfield, Bradford v Torquay, Cheltenham v Dag & Red, Crewe v Southend, Gillingham v Port Vale, Morecambe v AFC Wimbledon, Northampton v Crawley Town, Oxford Utd v Bristol Rovers, Plymouth v Accrington

Stanley, Rotherham v Burton Albion, Shrewsbury v Barnet, Swindon v Hereford.
FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE
 Charlton Yth v SAINTS YTH (11.00).
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
Premier: Alfreton Town v Kettering, Barrow v AFC Telford, Bath City v Darlington, Ebbsfleet United v Gateshead, Fleetwood Town v Forest Green, Kidderminster v Luton, Mansfield v Grimsby, Newport County v Southport, Tamworth v Lincoln City, York v Braintree Town.
South: Boreham Wood v Dartford, Eastbourne Borough v Eastleigh, Farnborough v Thurrock, Havant & Waterlooville v Bromley, Maidenhead v Chelmsford, Staines v Dorchester, Tonbridge v Hampton & Richmond, Truro v Basingstoke, Welling v Dover, Weston-super-Mare v Sutton, Woking v Salisbury.
FA TROPHY
Preliminary round: Cinderford Town v Poole Town, Gosport Borough v Slough Town, Fleet Town v Burnham, Thatcham Town v North Leigh, Wimbome Town v Sholing.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Banbury v Weymouth,

Barwell v Chippenham, Bashley v Stourbridge, Cirencester v Bedford, Evesham v AFC Totton, Hemel Hempstead v Chesham, Hitchin v Frome, Leamington v Brackley, Oxford City v Swindon Supermarine, Redditch v Cambridge City, St Albans v Arlesey.

HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
Second round: Romsey Town v Rozel Rovers (Jersey).
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alton v Bemerton, Blackfield & Langley v Downton, Fawley AFC v Hamworthy Utd, Hayling v Fareham, Hordean v New Milton, Lyngington Town v Brading, Moneyfields v Bournemouth Poppies, Newport IoW v Alesford, Totton & Eling v GE Hamble, Winchester City v Christchurch.

Division One: Cowes Sports v US Portsmouth, East Cowes Vics v Brockenhurst, Fleet Spurs v Whitechurch, Petersfield v AFC Portchester, Ringwood v Stockbridge, Team Solent v Andover New Street, Verwood v Hythe & Dibden.
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Division One: AFC Aldermaston v Otterbourne, Colden Common v AFC Stoneham, Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers, Locks Heath v Sporting BW, Liphook Utd v Bournemouth Sports, Overton v Hamble Club, Paulsgrove v Clarnfield, University of Portsmouth v QK Southampton, Winchester Castle v Liss Athletic.

Combination: AFC Stoneham v Fleetlands, Clarnfield v Overton, Hamble Club v Winchester Castle, Liss Athletic v Locks Heath, Otterbourne v AFC Aldermaston, QK Southampton v Colden Common, Sporting BW v Liphook.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Newport IoW, Bemerton HH v Moneyfields, Christchurch v Wimborne Town, Sholing v Fleet Town.
Division One West: Brockenhurst v Totton & Eling, Downton v Fawley AFC, Hythe & Dibden v East Cowes Vics, Laverstock & Ford v Ringwood, Romsey Town v Verwood.

Division One East: AFC Portchester v Winchester City, Alesford v Tadley Calvea, Fareham Town v Hayling Utd, GE Hamble v Petersfield, Whitchurch v Alton.
HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE 2004
 Andover Lions v Four Marks, Botley Village v Infinity, Durlay v Michelmersh & Timsbury, Fair Oak v Broughton, Hordean Utd v Mottsfont, Portsmouth RN v Upham.

SOUTHAMPTON TYRO LEAGUE STANDINGS (tables do not include today's games)

Under-15 Division 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Pace Panthers	3	3	0	0	24	3	9			
Eastleigh Juniors	3	3	0	0	13	0	9			
Compton Youth	3	2	0	1	8	5	6			
Pace Youth	3	1	1	1	5	9	4			
Baddesley Park	3	1	0	2	5	6	3			
Bitterne Youth	4	1	0	3	7	19	3			
Bashley Youth	2	0	1	1	4	7	1			
Littlington Juniors	3	0	0	3	3	20	0			
Division 2										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
St Francis Rangers	3	3	0	0	21	3	9			
Sky Blues	2	2	0	0	7	3	6			
Brendon	3	2	0	1	10	9	6			
H & Dibden Rangers	2	1	0	1	7	6	3			
Wyvern Dragons	3	1	0	2	7	13	3			
Colden Common	3	1	0	2	6	17	3			
B Waltham Dynamos	2	0	0	2	5	7	0			
St Denys	2	0	0	2	2	7	0			
Division 3										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Romsey Tn Panthers	2	2	0	0	12	2	6			
Warsash Wasps	2	1	1	0	10	4	4			
City Central	2	1	1	0	8	7	4			
Totton Rangers	3	1	1	1	7	6	4			
Netley Royals	2	1	0	1	9	7	3			
Botley Village	1	1	0	0	5	3	3			
AFC Hittingbury	2	1	0	1	7	6	3			
Testwood United	2	1	0	1	3	3	3			
Alesford Town	3	0	1	2	4	10	1			
Pace Pumas	3	0	0	3	5	22	0			
Division 4										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Romsey Tn Cougars	3	3	0	0	16	8	9			
Hythe Strikers	3	3	0	0	11	4	9			
Wyvern Saints	3	2	0	1	13	5	6			
St Francis Knights	2	2	0	0	9	5	6			
Pirelli Pirates	4	2	0	2	15	16	6			
Astro Blues	4	1	1	2	9	17	4			
Sarisbury Sparks	4	1	0	3	19	17	3			
Oakwood	3	1	0	2	8	11	3			
Hedge End Rangers	3	0	1	2	15	13	1			
Granley Stoneham	3	0	0	3	6	15	0			
Under-14 Division 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Oakwood Terriers	3	2	1	0	7	3	7			

Under-13 Division 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Salisbury City	3	3	0	0	25	2	9			
Eastleigh Juniors	3	2	0	1	9	6	6			
H End Rangers Blue	2	1	0	1	5	5	3			
Pace Pumas	3	1	0	2	3	7	3			
St Francis Rangers	1	0	1	0	5	5	1			
Sportstars	2	0	1	1	6	17	1			
Winchester Black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
C Common Rangers	2	0	0	2	2	13	0			
Division 2										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Romsey Tn Cougars	2	2	0	0	5	0	6			
Totton Rangers	2	1	0	1	5	3	3			
Bashley	1	1	0	0	5	4	3			
BTC Soton Nimrods	2	1	0	1	8	8	3			
AFC Hilt'gbury Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Alesford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Warsash Wasps	1	0	0	1	2	5	0			
City Central	2	0	0	2	3	8	0			
Division 3										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Pace Panthers	2	1	1	0	5	3	4			
Townhill Lngland	1	1	0	0	8	2	3			
H End Rangers White	1	1	0	0	4	1	3			
Pirelli Pirates	1	0	1	0	0	1	1			
Sky Blues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Testwood United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Littleton Lions	2	0	0	2	4	9	0			
Winchester Blue	1	0	0	1	2	8	0			
Division 4										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Southside AFC	2	2	0	0	8	3	6			
Sarisbury Spks Amber 2	2	2	0	0	8	5	6			
Brendon	2	1	1	0	13	1	4			
Michelmersh & Tims	2	1	0	1	14	5	3			
Granley Stoneham	2	1	0	0	3	2	3			
Botley Village Bears	2	0	1	1	3	4	1			
St Denys	1	0	0	1	2	4	0			
Sarisbury Spks Black	2	0	0	2	4	9	0			
H Strikers Spitfires	2	0	0	2	2	24	0			

Division 5										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
AFC Redbridge	2	2	0	0	19	4	6			
Oakwood Tigers	3	2	0	1	14	12	6			
Pace Cougars	1	1	0	0	9	2	3			
QK Southampton	1	1	0	0	6	0	3			
S&D	2	1	0	1	3	8	3			
H End Rangers Red	2	0	1	1	4	9	1			
AFC H'bury Hornets	2	0	1	1	4	14	1			
Winsor Utd Sports	1	0	0	1	2	3	0			
Netley Royals	2	0	0	2	3	12	0			
Division 6										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
H & Dibden Hawks	2	2	0	0	20	2	6			
Romsey Tn Panthers	2	2	0	0	11	7	6			



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■ RUGBY UNION

Ashton sets up French test for England

ENGLAND captain Lewis Moody heaped praise on Scotland after Martin Johnson's side secured a dramatic 16-12 victory in today's World Cup Pool B clash in Auckland.

Chris Ashton's, below, late try edged England in front for the first time in the match in the 78th minute to seal a late triumph at Eden Park which secured a quarter-final clash with France.

Moody said: "Full credit to Scotland. It was an incredibly tough day. They played a tremendous game. We knew they would and we didn't make it easy for ourselves by any stretch of the imagination with the penalty count.

"But we can only win the games in front of us and we've done that today.

"We've come out on the right side of the result but it was a tough game."

He added: "We knew Scotland would come out with all their fire and they did and in the second half we counteracted that.

"The front-row boys did a fantastic job at the scrums. We started getting on top of them in the second half, we got more of a platform and Ashy got over in the corner as he always does.

"It's another win - that's all we're here for and that's all that matters."

But, while England scraped through, Scotland were left contemplating elimination in the group stage of the World Cup for the first time ever.

Scotland need Georgia to beat Argentina in Palmerston North tomorrow - and deny the Pumas any bonus points - if they are to snatch a place in the last eight, but coach Andy Robinson was proud of his troops.

He said: "I've got to give every credit to the side. They've given everything.

"We're hugely disappointed to lose the game, as we were in last week's 13-12 defeat to Argentina.

"There's a great spirit among the boys. The way they have carried themselves throughout the World Cup, the friends they've made - I think they've been an outstanding group of people and I've been delighted to be their head coach.

"We're going to be supporting Georgia tomorrow. We hope they can do a job for us.

"But you can't fault England. They've held it together under pressure and seen themselves through."



■ CUP DRAWS

HAMPSHIRE FA SATURDAY SENIOR CUP
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Round two (October 4/11): Basingstoke Town FC v Hartley Wintney FC, New Milton Town v East Cowes Victoria Athletic, Blackfield & Langley v Horndean, Bashley v Bournemouth (Saturday), Andover v Havant & Waterlooville (walkover for away team), AFC Totton v Cove, Stockbridge v Winchester City, Hythe & Dibden v Christchurch, Aldershot Town v Eastleigh, Farnborough v Fleet Town, Totton & Eling v Gosport Borough, Fareham Town v Alesford Town, Whitechurch United v Ringwood Town, Romsey Town v Rozel Rovers, AFC Portchester v Lympington Town, Petersfield Town v Sholing FC.

Youth Football

BROCK MAKE THE EARLY RUNNING

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ONE of six sides to clear the initial two rounds of matches with an unbeaten record intact, Brockenhurst have their noses just in front in the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League.

They shrugged off a disappointing start to the game and went on to beat Barton Peveril 3-1, with second half goals from Adam Stride and Jack Lovell, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

"It was a very even first half and in fairness we were fortunate to go in at the break at 1-1," conceded Brock coach Graham Mills.

"Barton Peveril started extremely well and had the lion's share of possession. They have a strong spine to their side, with Cel Crook and Scott Chester catching the eye."

BP, who were coping with the heat better, kept the ball well and made Brock work hard for possession and get a foothold in the game.

Having looked threatening in attack, the visitors took the lead through Chukuma Dibigbo, but conceded their hard earned advantage then ebbed away.

Jamie Kay had a penalty saved by Kyle Graham after Lovell had been tripped, but then Luke Flux levelled things with a header from a corner.

The breakthrough was just the tonic Brock needed and scored half goals from Stride and Lovell turned the game on its head.

BP's record now reads a disappointing one point from three matches, but they are a far better side than that statistic suggests.

The fixture grid has been unkind, with BP pitched against Farnborough, Sparsholt and Brockenhurst so far - and Poole Grammar at Chestnut Avenue on Wednesday won't be easy!

Poole scored five times in the first half, but could only manage a second-half penalty despite dominating against South Downs at Gravel Hill.

Harry Cornick (2), Ben Mogg, John Dawson and Mike Salisbury hit the target in the first half, but all PGS could manage after that was a Sam Adams penalty.

Arguably the pick of the round three results was Totton's single-goal victory at Sparsholt, where Josh Armstrong's free kick fooled everyone and ended up being a winner!

"They gave a free kick away just outside the centre circle. I took it and aimed a simple long ball into the danger area. The Sparsholt keeper misjudged it and it ended up in the back of the net," Armstrong smiled.

Sparsholt, who had clawed back a 2-0 deficit to draw 2-2 with Barton



GOING LONG: Brockenhurst's Jamie Kay, right, pumps the ball forward despite the close attentions of Barton Peveril's Tom Ashton.
Order no: 13213360

COLLEGES LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brockenhurst	3	2	1	0	9	1	7
Farnborough	2	2	0	0	20	3	6
Tauntons	2	2	0	0	16	1	6
Itchen	2	2	0	0	12	2	6
Poole	3	2	0	1	9	2	6
Queen Mary's	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Totton	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Alton	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
P Symonds	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Barton Peveril	3	0	1	2	4	14	1
Bournemouth	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
South Downs	2	0	0	2	0	12	0
Basingstoke	3	0	0	3	3	17	0
Portsmouth	3	0	0	3	3	19	0

Peveril the previous week, piled on the pressure after the break, but Totton's watertight defence refused to budge.

Sparsholt managed to breach the Totton defences once - but their 'equaliser' was disallowed for off-side.

A weakened Itchen won 6-1 at previously unbeaten Alton, who bagged an early lead on the counter-attack.

Itchen slowly took control of the game with Izaak McLean, Ryan McDermott and Jordan Chalk each chipping in with two goals apiece.

Itchen coach James Taylor was happy with his team's performance.

"The lads who came in from the second XI did well. It's good to know that we've got the strength in depth to cope in these situations, and that the second string lads can step up and do a job".

Danny Vallance was Queen Mary's first-half hat-trick hero in the 4-1 win over Peter Symonds.

He scored his threesome in the tenth, 31st and 41st minutes' leaving Jonny Goodenough to add a fourth after the break.

It was QMC's second win. They beat Bournemouth 4-2 in the opener.

Goals aren't proving a problem for Taunton's, who continued their Colleges League scoring spree into the ESFA Under-18 Trophy.

They've hit the net 16 times in their opening two Colleges League games

and put another 15 past Newbury in the Trophy, eight goals coming before half-time and a further seven after the break.

Luke Roberts scored five times and Mert Iltemis four for Taunton's, who host Henley in round two.

Peter Symonds, who had a first round bye, are drawn away to Godalming.

Wednesday's Hampshire Colleges League fixtures: Barton Peveril v Poole Grammar (Chestnut Avenue), Farnborough v Alton, Itchen v Basingstoke (Middle Road), South Downs v Queen Mary's, Taunton's v Sparsholt (Hill Lane), Totton v Brockenhurst (Claypitt Lane).

● Bedales and Winchester College face formidable ISFA Cup second round opposition on Wednesday.

Petersfield-based Bedales entertain Eton College at Steep (3pm), with Winchester hosting 2010 cup winners Shrewsbury at Norman Road (2.15).

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Non-league Football

DREW SMITH LEAGUE: Rod Sutherland gives the lowdown on the league's new teams

UNI LADS OUT TO MAKE THE GRADE

SOUTHAMPTON University and Comrades, both new to the Premier Division this season, have started well and have fully justified their status.

University have access to a mix of players from their three BUSA teams and are used to playing at a high level through that route, but wish to join the non-league Pyramid in a similar way to the highly successful Team Solent.

Holidays and exam times will test how strong their squad is and only time will tell.

Comrades, in their previous spell in the league, triumphed in both the Premier and Combination divisions with their first and second teams respectively.

Their reserves are also elevated to Senior 1 as the Combination section no longer exists.

White Horse (Netley Marsh) are a team made up of ex-Totton & Eling Reserves players, a number of whom played in the Southampton Senior Cup final for Lyndhurst in 2005.

Lyndhurst are another team newly returned to the league following a disastrous season in the Hampshire Premier League.

New in at Junior 2 level are Chamberlayne Athletic, a strong Sunday League side now going Saturdays as well.

Questmap are a re-birth of Wheatfield Wanderers and also go in at Junior 2 level.

Next up are Chandler's Ford Rangers who have a number of ex-Otterbourne lads mixed in with a few Eastleigh United players of old. They are in Junior 3.

AFC Gulf Western look a useful outfit and have won all their games so far in impressive style. Harefield are not really a new team but more a merged version of Exford Arms and Hare & Hounds and they have also impressed at this level – watch out for when these two meet!

Into Junior 5 and another ex-Sunday side, Bitterne Park Hotel, have entered the league. They have started well, winning twice, but falling to a top flight side in the League Cup.

Botley Village have opted to add a third side and much will depend on how the club strengthen their other two teams? Freemantle AFC are now Cricketers Eastleigh with some residual and original players from the former club opting to resurrect the side (at the same pub).

Junior 6, as expected, has a variety of new teams, five in total.

S G Sports include the Greenough clan and look an impressive outfit. Ace goal poacher Terry played in goal with

S G SPORTS:

Back row (from left): Peter Brown, Shaun Greenough, Gregg Baddams, Daniel Porter, Matthew Longland, Lewis Cattle, Wayne Benett, Steve Baddams. Front: Adam McNally, William Young, Ashley Drewery, Terry Greenough, Adam Pretty, Ryan Stevenson, Mark Murton.



Sean in midfield, while ex-Warrenite Matt Longland played up front and looked impressive as they defeated fellow newcomers Mechanics 3-2 in an entertaining game. The latter are the mechanics department of Southampton University.

Coxford Jets were delighted to win against Braishfield through a late goal. Familiar names in their squad are Wes Massingham (ex-Yacht) and a couple of former Banjo boys; Sean Bridle also turned out. They should do OK if they can get the hang of the admin side of the game ...

AFC Southampton include some former Priory Rovers Reserves players and should do OK.

New in the Veterans section are former Premier Division side Northend United – although only the older lads of course.

They join at the B level along with Locks Heath who are hoping opponents will agree to play them on Friday nights, as part of a league experiment.

New to the C Division are the Langley Manor and Langley Tavern second strings.

While the league has enjoyed an influx of new teams, a number have also left, including AFC Chandler's Ford (Junior 2) and Hamble Club Vets (A Division), Warren Social and AFC Redbridge (Premier Division), Polygon (Junior 2).

The Drew Smith League will be looking at running an over 40s section for the 2012-13 season, although teams are likely to be allowed to play two-three over-35s in their ranks.

COXFORD JETS: Junior 6 newcomers.



MECHANICS: Back row (FROM LEFT): Ali Masoudi, John Atkinson, Mostafa Soleimani, Mousa El Gammal, Oli Brend, Kanan Farzaliyev, Tiago Dos Santos. Front: Steve Wilson, Amir Rmaile, Wali Sayeed, Mansu Tarafdar, Halil Yetgin, Mihai Rotaru.



STANDINGS

Senior Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bush Hill	3	3	0	0	1	2	9
Nursling	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Southampton Uni	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Forest Town	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Comrades	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
AFC Hittingbury	2	0	2	0	5	5	2
Cutbush Athletic	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Bishopstoke WMC	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
London Airways	2	0	0	2	3	9	0
BTC Soton	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

Senior 1

Netley CS Res	3	2	1	0	9	1	7
White Horse NM	3	2	1	0	10	5	7
Hythe Aztecs	3	2	0	1	17	7	6
Thornhill H K	2	1	1	0	9	4	4
Cadnam United	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Durley Res	3	1	1	1	6	10	4
Hedge End Town	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
M & T Res	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Burridge AFC	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Lyndhurst	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Comrades Res	3	0	1	2	4	10	1
BTC Soton Res	2	0	0	2	1	15	0

Junior 1

South City United	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Wormbles	2	1	1	0	7	4	4
Park Sports	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Veracity Vipers	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Soton Energy	2	0	2	0	6	6	2
AFC Grains	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
East Boldre	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Braishfield	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Compton	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Otterbourne A	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Junior 2

Questmap	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Hedge End R Res	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Langley Manor	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Hamble United	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Chamberlayne	3	1	0	2	7	9	3
Solent Saints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QK Soton A	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
AFC Chandler's F	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Wallow	2	0	0	2	3	12	0

Junior 3

Compton Res	3	2	1	0	12	0	7
Riverside	2	2	0	0	15	2	6
Cricketers Eastgh	2	1	1	0	7	1	4
FC Wellington	2	1	1	0	7	1	4
Capital	2	1	0	1	2	7	3
Warsash Wasps	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Forest Town Res	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Chandler's Fd R	2	0	2	1	4	10	1
Bricklayers AFC	2	0	2	0	2	1	7
Infinity Res	1	0	0	1	0	7	0
AFC Gordons	2	0	0	2	0	13	0

Junior 4

Harefield	3	3	0	0	14	1	9
AFC Gulf Western	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
New Forest	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
Priory Rovers	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Botley Village Res	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Chandler's Ford	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Good Companions	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
West Totton	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Cricketer Fair Oak	2	0	0	2	2	11	0
Brigadier Gerard	3	0	0	3	2	13	0

Junior 5

Hamble United	2	2	0	0	3	2	6
Freemantle AFC	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
Bitterne Pk Hotel	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Airways Res	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Horton Heath	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Upham Res	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
Riverside Res	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Athletico Romsey	3	0	1	2	4	12	1
Stanton FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botley Village A	2	0	0	2	3	7	0

Junior 6

Braishfield Res	3	2	0	1	11	4	6
New Forest Res	2	2	0	0	10	5	6
Coxford Jets	2	2	0	0	6	4	6
AFC Station	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Mechanics	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Amptill Athletic	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Burridge Village	4	1	1	1	4	3	4
S G Sports	2	1	0	1	5	8	3
Sporting Wessex	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
M & T A	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
AFC Soton	3	0	0	3	6	12	0

Veterans A

Sporting BTC A	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Nursling Vets	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
Old Tauntonians	3	2	0	1	7	11	6
Sholing A	3	1	1	1	9	2	4
G E Aviation A	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Questmap Vets	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Redlynch & W Utd	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Hamble Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colden Common	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
QK Southampton	3	0	0	3	5	10	0
BTC Soton Vets	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

Veterans B

Hedge End R	3	2	0	1	11	6	6
Bishops W Dyn	3	1	2	0	7	5	5
Locks Heath	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Langley Tavern A	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
AFC Stoneham	3	1	1	1	8	10	4
RS Winchester	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Hythe Aztec	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Northern United	3	1	0	2	9	14	3
Compton Vets	5	2	1	5	8	2	2
Wildern O B	2	0	1	1	8	9	1
Langley Manor A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Albion Sports	3	0	0	3	6	10	0

Veterans C

Royal Mail	3	2	1	0	9	3	7
Baddesley Park	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Sporting BTC B	3	2	0	1	11	5	6
Winchester O B	2	1	1	0	7	1	4
Sholing B	2	1	0	1	3	1	4
Redbridge O B	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
GE Aviation B	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Michelmersham & T	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Langley Manor B	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
Priory Rovers	3	0	0	3	5	14	0
Langley Tavern B	2	0	0	2	1	11	0

● Standings do not include today's games.

Non-league Football



LEAN ON ME: Action from the BFA Hayward Sunday League match between Branksome Con (yellow/blue) and Queen's Park.

Will power key to victory

WESTOVER Bournemouth Reserves take over on top of DIVISION TWO of after Mike Williams struck twice to sink Galleon 2-0.

Queens Park Athletic go third after their 5-1 triumph over Fordingbridge Turks with goals from Ricky Powell (2), Adam Jones (2) and Mike Thompson.

Tim Porter netted for PREMIER DIVISION leaders Hamworthy Recreation but it was not quite enough to save them from a 2-1 defeat against Bosun's Chair, who led with goals from Scott Metcalf and Gareth Keeping.

Portcastrian take over on top after Jon Winn, Robbie Woolner and Ben Virabi gave them the edge 3-2 against Redlynch & Woodfalls United with Bournemouth Electric moving up to second place following their 4-2 win over Allendale thanks to a Leigh Phillips hat-trick and a goal from Ishmael Lamptey.

Kabba Jack settled the issue 1-0 for reigning champions Westover Bournemouth against Bournemouth Manor, while Danny

■ BFA HAYWARD SATURDAY LEAGUE

Veal (2) and Alex Hurst gave Sway a 3-1 success against Trinidad.

Old Oakmeadians led through Keith Fitz-John and an own goal with just ten minutes left but Parley Sports came back strongly in the closing stages through Johnny Cook (2) and a 30-yard effort from Sam Bush to win 3-2.

Mudeford Men's Club hold top spot in DIVISION ONE on goal difference after Mitch East (2) and Stuart Armstrong gave them the upper hand 3-1 against Bournemouth Electric Reserves.

Harrington United maintained their perfect record when Ben Mowlam, Rob Scadding, Tony Marney and Paul Williams ensured a 4-0 victory over Bisterne United, while Stuart Ogilvie (2) and Ryan Moir gave Alderholt the verdict 3-2 at Holt United.

Sam Hills and Charlie Heggan struck for Bisterne Rangers but the DIVISION THREE leaders saw their

perfect record tarnished when they were held to a 2-2 draw by FC Athletico.

Steve Flynn, Adrian Pavey and Matt Wallace bagged two apiece when Bournemouth Electric A spanked Mudeford Men's Club Reserves 6-0 to go second on goal difference.

DIVISION FOUR strugglers Milford were on the receiving end again when Twynham Rangers Reserves punished them 6-1 courtesy of Ryan Bailey's hat-trick and further goals from Aron Harris (2) and Matt Nicholls.

Richmond Park Con Reserves are the new leaders of DIVISION FIVE after their convincing 8-2 drubbing of Boldre Royals with goals from Adam Dawes (2), Ben Sainsbury (2), Craig Varley, Tony West, Carl House and Dan Sumpter.

Meanwhile Robert Teppett and Chris Stevenson both bagged hat-tricks in Shamrock's 6-3 victory over Bransgore United.

STAR FLEET!

ENSBURY Park Rangers captain Carl Fleet led the way with an incredible 11-goal haul when the DIVISION SEVEN pacesetters crushed AS Muscliff 20-2.

Joe Wilcox plundered four for rampant Rangers with Dan Brunsden (2), Jon Lane, Lewis Waters and Ben Norris completing the rout.

Newtown Rovers are hot on their heels after hammering Shamrock 7-2 through Adam Janes, Shane Duggan, Josh Harper, Ricky Powell and a Martin Frigot hat-trick, while Fiveways Rangers battered Intellihouse 9-0 with a Phil Lee hat-trick and further goals from Lee Cobb (2), Jack Young, Mark Hayes, Matt Snell and Steve Moore.

Will Ireland struck for New Milton Town but newly promoted Priory Quays chalked up their first win of the season in the PREMIER LEAGUE 4-1 thanks to Russell Blandford, Samir Bessalem, Ryan O'Reilly and an own goal.

Alex Rossi (2) and Dave Midgley netted for East Christchurch SSC but they had to settle for a point when Mike Haskell (2) and Nathan Saxby earned West Moors SSC a 3-3 draw.

Shoulder of Mutton are three points clear in DIVISION ONE after Jamie Moores (2), Scott Nicholson and Richie Sands accounted for Kavell 4-1 and Bournemouth Electric were also 4-1 winners against Parley Sports courtesy of Sean Kehoe (2), John Shaw and an own goal.

DIVISION TWO leaders Lovitt were knocked off their perch by

HEAD MAN:

Action from the match between Branksome Con (yellow/blue) and Queen's Park.



■ BFA HAYWARD SATURDAY LEAGUE

AC FC who topped them 2-0 with a couple of goals from Sam Read and Redhill take over on top after Roy Leigh-Bryant, Dean Hindle and Steve Bristow gave them the edge 3-2 against Vienna Windows.

Third-placed Tiegle Tiles went down 1-0 to a goal from Mark Phillips at AFC Burton and tailenders Rias were on the receiving end again when Lotus Press upended them 6-2 courtesy of Mark Rourke's hat-trick and further goals from Maciek Wos (2) and Dave Estridge.

DIVISION THREE pacesetters KC Transport netted through Sean Heron and Jack Watson but Queens Park Rovers Reserves just got the better of them 3-2 in the top of the table clash thanks to Steve Miles (2) and Mike Barber.

Ferndown Locomotive now lead the table on goal difference after Luke Ayrton (2), Simon Ward (2), Keith Jackson and Jimmy Redford ensured a 6-1 triumph over injury hit LV with AFC Burns Lettings in second place after Ben Davies (2), Paul Meyer and Adam Bull gave them a 4-0 victory over Three Cross.

Dec Thomas tucked away a hat-trick when DIVISION FOUR high flyers Corfe Mullen United gave Carling Sports the treatment 6-1 with Jason White, Mitchell Turner and Ollie Ellis also on target.

Meanwhile, nearest rivals Bournemouth Sports fell by the wayside when Victoria Cross upended them 3-0 thanks to Kane Darbinson, Nick Gillingham and an own goal.

Karl Harrington (2), Graeme

Ross and Jamie Wilson netted for Talbot Pub but the DIVISION FIVE leaders saw their perfect record ruined when AFC Stourvale forced a 4-4 draw with all four goals coming from Peter Richmond-Cole.

Rockbourne move up to second place on goal difference after trouncing Broadstone Con 10-1 with a Jason Thorne hat-trick and further goals from Dean Hooper (2), Matt Huckle, Mark Newton, Simon Colborne, Darren Gale and Chris Taylor.

Kings Arms Wallisdown are four points clear at the top of DIVISION SIX after sweeping AFC Burton Reserves aside 9-0 with a Luke McArdle hat-trick and further goals from Sacha Navarro (2), Shaun Brooks (2), Ashley Welch and goalkeeper Scott Evans.

Nearest rivals Kavell Reserves crashed to a 7-3 defeat against Townsend Spartans who let rip with a four-goal blast from Charlie Foreman and further efforts from Steve Hooper, Lee Hardiman and Joel Blackie.

Wimborne Magpies move up to fourth place after tanning New Milton Borough 6-2 through Ed Bryant, Adam Bellingham, Darren Jones, Josh Gibbs, Josh Osborne and an own goal.

Dan Bailey and Joe Harris both grabbed four in Bournemouth Borough's emphatic 10-0 triumph over ECP in DIVISION EIGHT with Carl House and Shane Masterman adding one each.

Danny Styles' hat-trick proved decisive in Boscombe Celtic Reserves' 5-3 success against A & T Athletic A in DIVISION NINE with the other goals coming via Paul Masters and Roland Cornell.



CLOSE COMBAT: Action from the BFA Hayward Sunday League match between Branksome Con (yellow/blue) and Queen's Park.

Non-league Football

THE FULL ENGLISH

City of Southampton Sunday League

SHERFIELD English Reserves had the biggest win of the weekend, thumping Eastleigh Irish 10-2 in Division 5.

Both Ben Unsworth and Jack Solloway scored hat-tricks for Sherfield, while Tom Whitaker hit two and Joe Cook and Ashley McGimpsey were also on target, writes **JONATHAN LOW**.

In the same division, Sporting Compass came back from 3-2 down to win 4-3 at HSC Southern Stars. Lee Vincent scored twice for the away side and Andy Knowles and Kevin Martin were also on target. HSC's goalscorers were Sneider Fonangwan, Hassan Sheikh and Ali Warsame.

Craig Holloway scored a brace for Sporting View in their 5-2 win over AFC Bishopstoke, making it 12 goals in their last two games. He was joined on the score sheet by Sam Holloway, Martin Patterson and Jason Gradidge, while Dave Butler and Darren Pennington scored for the visitors.

Luke Wadhams scored twice for Portswood United in their 2-2 draw against Dursley; Leon Wheeler hitting the goals for the away side.

Meanwhile, all of the Premier Division matches ended in victories for the visiting sides.

Amazingly, Knighton Arms stopper Tom Merritt was on target with a goal kick that evaded the entire City Central Team to seal a 2-0 win. Lee New also scored.

A hat-trick from Ed Williams helped Bedes Lea 97 secure a 4-3 win at Old Mill. Lee Hobbs scored the other goal, while Dane Sayce, Steve Nicholls and Wade Horton were on target for Old Mill.

Brookhill Saints also scored four as they won 4-1 at Masters at Work. Wade Wilson scored a brace and Martyn Randall and Shane Clouder were on the score sheet for the Saints. Barry Fitzgerald hit the consolation for Masters.

Totton Town won 3-2 at Avenue, thanks to goals from Adam Mallet (2) and Mark Cumber. Michael Collins scored for Avenue and there was also an own goal.

In the Senior Division, Craig Sway netted four times as KRL won 5-1 at Academy SC. Matty Gray hit the other goal, while Kevin Corbett-Butler scored for SC.

Westwood Old Boys thrashed Eastbrook Harriers 4-0 with goals from Jamie Roberts (2), Ryan McDermott and Sean Rogers.

Ross Hickman and Lee Osborne were on target for Bursledon Towers in a 2-1 win at Totton Cosmos whose goal was scored by Josh Priestley.



AT THE DOUBLE: Brookhill Saints' Wade Wilson scored a brace in his team's 4-1 win over Masters at Work.

Chamberlain Athletic and Horns Inn played out a goalless draw.

Luke Pothecarey netted a hat-trick for Riverside Magic as they followed-up a 5-0 victory the previous week to crush Botley 8-1 in Division 1. The other goalscorers were Gary Gotts (2), Joe Hinchcliff, Russell Folwell and Jack Garrett.

Revolution nearly let a 3-1 lead slip as they eventually ran out 5-4 winners against Castle Inn. Brett Hall netted twice, while Liam Aspinall and Ryan Lucas also scored. Richard Warner scored a brace for Castle, along with singles from Dave Murray and Craig Mew.

Jason Warr and Peter Lambert were on target for Anchor Redbridge in a 2-1 win over Hedge End Club whose goal was scored by Jon Burwell.

Echo were held to a 1-1 draw with Winston Hotel; Paul Myburgh netting for the home side and Martin McNeill for the visitors.

Woodman conceded eight goals for the second week in succession as they lost 8-3 against Athletico HC in Division 2. Craig Williams hit four and Jack Vass, Todd Wyeth, Tyler Wyeth and Matthew Holmes were all on the score sheet.

Meanwhile, a second half hat-trick from Ian Hockings capped a remarkable comeback from FC Salt as they won 3-2 at Itchen Manor, despite being two down at the break. Laurie Underwood and Jordan Hayward were the home side's goalscorers.

Sports Mania secured an emphatic home win, hitting six against Carnival UK. Despite the score being just 1-0 at half-time, the floodgates opened in the second half as Ben Hogbin hit two. Michael Purkiss, Cameron Marsh, Jon Allen and Luke Poulter also netted for the home side, while Gary Cook responded twice for Carnival.

There were also goals galore at Old House at Home, who drew 4-4 at

home to FC Railway. James Partridge, Matt Pile, Dan Edwards and Tim Evans were on target for the hosts.

Brookhill Saints Reserves won 4-3 at Ice House NH with goals from Sean Haines, Jody Agrella, Sam Smith and Liam Cullen. Tony Yorke hit a brace and Michael Jones also netted for the home team.

Sean Nutbeen hit a hat-trick for AFC Bursledon in an impressive 5-0 win at Eastbrook Harriers Reserves. Lee Tew and Ross Walton were also on the score sheet.

Chartwell Green also scored five away from home, which included a Marcus Bevan hat-trick and two from Isaac Hill in their game against Sherfield English. Ben Patience scored twice and Toby Rogers once for Sherfield.

Danny Mead was another hat-trick hero in a 6-3 victory for Cherbourg over Regents Park. Darrell Coffin, Josh Willats and Martyn Drabik-

Hamshare scored the other three for the home side. Josh Bench, Callum Sargent and Keagan Grierson scored for the away side.

Danny Longman scored twice as Bridge AFC eased past AFC Marchwood 4-0. Goals from Rob Elder and Jamie Rosher capped an impressive away performance.

LH Galaxy won 3-2 at home to AFC Riverside (Sunday) thanks to goals from Ollie Popham, Gary Whittle and Gareth Evans. Antony Ellis and Dan Painter scored for the away side.

Pawel Burdzy and Jakub Piasecki were hat-trick heroes for Newton Athletic as they thrashed Chamberlain Athletic Reserves 8-1 in the Division 4 game. Humayun Rashid and Mateusz Chachula netted the other two goals, while Jordan Sherlock scored Chamberlain's consolation.

A brace from Terry Fredericks helped Southampton Bhoys to a convincing 4-0 win at home to Eastpoint. Ben Boyce and Aaron Looker were also on target.

Obelisk also recorded a good victory; 3-1 over Burridge AFC. Steve Hall, Dean Cousins and Dan Smith scored for the home side, with Richard Becheley replying for the visitors.

Tim Kemp scored a second-half equaliser for Bishops Blaize in a 2-2 draw with Royale Marine. Ben Jacobs also scored for Bishops, while Jordan Penfold and Adam Tighe were on target for the home team.

Five goals were scored by the home side in each of the three matches in Division 6. Botley Babes came back from 3-2 down at half-time to draw 5-5 against Marchwood. Richard Morgan netted twice, while Ben Cozens, Jack Lochray and Perry Lawrence all scored.

Dan Sultana made it eight goals in three games as his brace, along with a couple from Warren Applegate, sealed a 5-2 win for Hythe and Dibden Sunday over Ampfield. Neil Darby also scored, while Steve Pearce and Nathan Grey were on target for the visiting side.

Sporting Compass Reserves recorded a 5-1 win over Test Valley Spartans. Jamie Holmes was on target with two goals, along with strikes from Dan Foster, Sam Wilson and Lee Mason. Ali Smith scored the consolation for Spartans.

Meanwhile, Sholing Celtic needed extra-time to overcome Blue Bird in their first round game in the Hampshire FA Intermediate Cup, as it finished 2-2 after 90 minutes, but two goals from Sam Davis and a goal each from Craig Lyons and David Castle secured a 4-3 win after two hours of football.

RS Ocean Village's Eero Mannikke and Ben Dawkins scored in their side's 2-1 victory over Unity in the Southampton Divisional FA Junior B Cup first round. Rayhan Fakirmohamed replied for the visitors.

SUNDAY LEAGUE RESULTS IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO

Non-league Football

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Knighton Arms	3	3	0	0	21	0	9
Brookhill S	3	3	0	0	11	3	9
City Central	3	2	0	1	12	4	6
Avenue	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Totton Town	3	1	0	2	5	11	3
Bedes Lea 97	3	1	0	2	5	17	3
Old Mill	3	0	0	3	5	10	0
Master at Work	2	0	0	2	1	16	0

Senior Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bursledon T	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Sholing Celtic	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Horns Inn	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Academy SC	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
KRL	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Westwood OB	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Totton Cosmos	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Eastbrook H	3	1	0	2	3	10	3
Chamberlayne	2	0	1	1	2	4	1

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Riverside Mag	5	5	0	0	26	6	15
Winston H	3	2	1	0	18	8	7
Linden Tree	2	2	0	0	13	3	6
Revolution	3	2	0	1	14	19	6
Anchor Red	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Echo	3	0	2	1	5	1	1
Hedge End	2	0	0	2	5	8	0
Botley	2	0	0	2	5	14	0
Castle Inn	4	0	0	4	7	17	0

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Salt	4	4	0	0	17	5	12
Athletic HC	5	3	0	2	26	13	9
Itchen Manor	5	3	0	2	24	12	9
Brookhill S	3	3	0	0	11	8	9
Sports Mania	2	2	0	0	10	4	6
FC Railway	4	1	1	2	10	11	4
Old House	3	1	1	1	9	10	4
Ice House NH	4	1	0	3	14	11	3
Carnival UK	3	0	0	3	4	20	0
Woodman	5	0	0	5	9	40	0

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Bursledon	5	4	0	1	14	5	12
Cherbourg	4	3	1	0	13	8	10
Sherfield E	6	3	0	3	22	9	9
Chartwell G	3	3	0	0	13	4	9
Bridge AFC	3	2	1	0	15	7	7
LH Galaxy	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Eastbrook Res	5	1	0	4	4	15	3
AFC Riverside	4	0	1	3	9	14	1
Regents Park	5	0	1	4	7	21	1
AFC Marchwood	5	0	1	2	2	17	1

Division 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soton Bhoyas	4	4	0	0	10	2	12
Newtown Ath	2	2	0	0	13	2	6
Woodmill	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Bishops Blaize	2	1	1	0	9	3	4
Royale Marine	3	1	1	1	7	4	4
Eastpoint	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Obelisk	2	1	0	1	4	8	3
Itchen Manor +	3	0	0	3	4	9	3
Chamberlayne	4	1	0	3	6	19	3
Burridge AFC	4	0	0	4	3	14	0

Division 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sherfield E	5	4	0	1	32	16	12
Sporting View	4	3	1	0	18	5	10
Portsmouth U	4	2	1	1	13	11	7
Sporting Comp	3	2	0	1	8	10	6
HSC Southern S	3	1	0	2	10	13	3
Durley	5	0	0	5	10	12	3
AFC Bishopstoke	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
AV Chivas	3	0	2	1	5	8	2
Eastleigh Irish	5	0	1	4	12	34	1

Division 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hythe & Dibden	4	4	0	0	21	9	12
AFC Soton	3	3	0	0	19	11	9
Sporting Comp	5	2	0	3	15	14	6
Botley Babes	4	1	1	2	15	17	4
Marchwood	4	1	1	2	14	19	4
RS Ocean Village	2	1	0	1	10	7	3
Test Valley	3	1	0	2	7	11	3
Amfield	3	1	0	2	9	13	3
Unity	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Horn of plenty: Carter leads way for cup winners

MEON VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HORNEDEAN led the way for Meon Valley teams in Portsmouth Cup action last weekend, thumping West Meon & Warnford 10-0.

Dan Carter bagged a hat-trick, Calum Wallace a brace, while there were also goals for Andy Matthewson, Calvin Charlton, Shaun Horrell, Stuart Maunder and Alan Welch.

SDC secured their passage into round two, but their match against Freehouse was much closer.

Jack James made sure it finished 1-1 after normal time, but the tie eventually went to penalties, the Division 3 side just scraping through

after the lottery of spot-kicks, winning 4-3.

Milton Rovers Reserves saw off Farlington Academicals 5-2, thanks to goals from Ian Neil (2), Matt Farmer, Chris Male and Alex Crocker, while Titchfield also progressed with a 4-2 victory over Shabba, Michael Saunders (2), Charlie Saunders and Pete Osborne on the score sheet.

Waterlooville Social Club breezed through, thrashing AFC Dynamo 8-0. Paul Fletcher netted a treble, with David Silvester, Warren Sands, Dan Edwards, Darren Yates and Stuart

Martin also registering.

AFC Swood took their brilliant form in the league into this trophy, beating Castle 5-1.

James Gregory, Ryan Lancaster, Danny Gregory, Dan Lucas and Sam Hinks struck the goals.

Shelford Rovers won't be joining them in the next round though, after losing 9-3 to Waterlooville Rovers, despite strikes from Danny Heir (2) and Paul Harris.

In league action, Waterlooville Social Club just edged a seven-goal thriller with Soberton United in

Division 1. Ville won 4-3, with Dale Palmer hitting a hat-trick and Ray Ogilvie also scoring. Stewart Thompson, Alan Jess and Clint Fifield found the net for Soberton.

Early pace-setters Milton Rovers kept up their hot-streak with a 5-1 success over Burridge, thanks to Danny Rimmer, Blu Boam, Chaz Gardner, Calum Gray and Dave McHugh.

In Division 2, AFC Fareham just snatched an even encounter with Lotus XI 4-3, Jason Blake, Luke Sweeney, James Chalmers and Jay Thomas with the goals.

Martin West's treble was the differ-

ence between Crofton Saints and Wickham Dynamos as the visitors triumphed 3-0, while in Division 3 Ryan Jennings inspired Travaux to an emphatic win over Ocean City Barons.

The newly-promoted outfit cantered to a 7-1 victory, Lewis Conway, Dean Inman and Josh Gibbs adding to Jennings' four strikes.

Also in the third-tier, Hedgeside and Armoury fought out an entertaining 4-4 draw with Lee Hayes grabbing a hat-trick and Jim Deeley also netting for the away side, while Fareham United and Cowplain played out a 2-2 tie, James Gurney's double helping the travellers take a point.

SIX-SHOOTING SAINTS

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

SOUTHAMPTON Saints under-10s were on sparkling form in their first away league game of the season, winning 6-1 at Clanfield.

Saints went ahead on six minutes after Jennifer King was put through from an excellent cross-field pass from Simge Rosz. King comfortably slotted the ball past the Clanfield goalie.

King hit her second with a well-placed shot into the corner of the goal.

Despite the heroics of home keeper Catherine Lennox, Saints made it 3-0 when Lisa Gilham scored from long range on 11 minutes.

Phoebe Emery made an immediate impact as a substitute for Saints, netting twice to put Saints 5-0 up at half-time.

Clanfield pulled a goal back in the second half but dominant Saints had the final say when Rosz made it 6-1.

● Southampton Saints Ladies secured their first points of the season with a 4-1 victory over newly promoted Keynsham Development in the South West Combination League.

● Southampton Saints' under-15/16



SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS U10:

Players pictured, in their new kit sponsored by DP World, are: Jennifer King, Simge Rosz, Phoebe Emery, Kia Anteney, Kaytlin Roberts, Annie Bulkeley, Sophie Shiner, Lisa Gilham.

team thumped old rivals Portsmouth Ladies 9-0 last weekend.

The only downside to victory was a serious injury to Ruby Collinson.

Saints were dominant from the off-set and led 7-0 at the break with goals from Cleo Rawlings (3), Grace Henderson, Chloe Fraser Varney, Bonnie Browning and an own goal.

The half, though, was marred when Collinson, who had been tormenting the Pompey defence, was left writhing in agony after a mistimed tackle and had to be carried off. It was later confirmed she had suffered a fractured ankle.

The second half was somewhat of an anti-climax for Saints, who were no doubt keen to reach double figures, and only two further goals were scored – Henderson and Rawlings finding the net.

Saints player-of-the-match: Hannah Richards.

● Southampton Saints' under-14s were also in the goals groove, knocking seven past Botley without reply.

Defensively Saints were also good, keeper Courtney Trodd always on her toes and defenders Kayleigh Tonks, Emily Lusted, and Coral

Oakley always on their guard.

Saints led 5-0 at the break with goals from Tiffany Eley, Vogue Davies, Ellie Pearce, Latalia Payne and Paris Payne.

On song Saints added two further goals in the second half, Payne and Pearce completing braces.

● The club's under-11s ran riot in the Winchester & District Girls Football League with a 10-1 win at Widbrook Ladies.

Abbie Lee (2), Rebecca Quinn (4), Bethany Wilcock (2), Faith Wood and Molly Lowe were all on target.

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SOUTHAMPTON TYRO LEAGUE DIVISION 3
CCYFC Rovers U14 2 Warsash Wasps U14 3

COLDEN Common and Warsash renewed their healthy rivalry, the latter taking the points despite a late rally from the hosts

The first half hour was characterised by some tough tackling and chances at both ends, although none were taken.

Colden Common keeper Jimmy Thompson made some decent saves during this period but was powerless to stop Wasps going ahead from the spot on 31 minutes after a handball infringement in the area.

Just before half-time Colden Common found themselves two down, a ball over the top from the right splitting the defence and allowing a visiting player to make it 2-0.

As the second half kicked off both teams were aware of the importance of the next goal. Unfortunately for Colden Common it again went the way of Wasps after a goal-mouth scramble.

With just seven minutes of the game remaining Colden Common pulled a goal back after Jack Hammond shot from just outside the area and the keeper failed to deal with the pace of the ball.

One minute later and Common thought they had a second only for it to be ruled off side. But this only added to the belief that they could still rescue the game and with two minutes left Alex Bere buried the ball into the Wasps' goal.

However, despite pressuring the Wasps defence for the final few minutes, Colden Common could not score the leveller.

Colden Common man-of-the-match: Daniel Clarke.

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Kel collects a treble

SOTON & DISTRICT TYRO CUP R1
Sky Blues U13 0 Winchester Youth U13A 11

WINCHESTER cruised into the second round of the Tyro Cup with a comfortable victory over Sky Blues in Hamble. Winchester took a few minutes to get into their stride, but once they had mastered the conditions, there was no stopping them.

The scoring started with Jimmy Hawkins rifling home after the Sky Blues keeper had saved well from Harry Bayles.

Goals then followed at regular intervals and after starting the second half 4-0 in front, Winchester scored almost at will.

Top scorer was Kel Akpobire who finished with a hat-trick, and the scoring was complete when Raff Tellest bagged a goal just before the final whistle.



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■ SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE

QK on a roll

QK SOUTHAMPTON continued their fine start to the season in the under-18 section with a come from behind 6-2 win at Burridge, writes **ALAN JOHNS**.

The hosts struck early, new signing Jake Bessant getting his first for the club, as QK struggled to get a foothold in the contest.

However, once QK found their rhythm there was no stopping them.

The visitors levelled on 16 minutes and went ahead on 38 minutes to lead 2-1 at the break.

QK upped the tempo in the second half and powered into a 6-1 lead before Bessant hit a second goal for the hosts.

Baddesley Park, beaten by QK the previous week, were out of luck again, defeated 7-2 at home by New Forest United.

Sky Blues surprised Salisbury City by winning 4-0 away from home and Crofton Saints drew 1-1 with visitors Eastbrook Harriers.

Alresford Town's season in Division 2 still hasn't got off the ground. They followed-up an opening-day defeat with an 11-0 drubbing at AFC Stoneham, but it's early days yet!

Alresford's CSYFL side fared better and recorded a narrow 4-3 win against visitors Michelmersh & Timsbury Athletic.

Romsey Town had an impressive 7-0 home win against Littleton Juniors.

In Division 3, top scorers were St Francis Rangers who beat Itchen Royals 6-2. Sway made sure of taking top spot with another convincing victory, 4-2 at home to Michelmersh & Timsbury Colts.

Sway made all the running in this encounter at Jubilee Field. In the opening exchanges Darren Clark was quick to release Robbie Smart who lofted a shot over the onrushing keeper but also the crossbar in Sway's first attack.

Sway continued to press and Sam Howard's crosses resulted in shots from Eynon, Smart and Joe Fussell being beaten away by the M&T keeper. Clark later headed against the outside of the post from another teasing Howard centre to end the half frustratingly scoreless.

St Francis Rangers enjoyed a 6-2 home win over Itchen Royals.

In the under-16 section, local rivals AFC Totton and Eastleigh already appear to be going head-to-head for Division 1 honours after both had impressive victories.

The tags beat Winchester City Red 7-3 and Eastleigh went a goal better in demolishing Hythe & Dibden 8-0.

Winchester's Whites fared better on the day drawing 1-1 at Cherbourg, while the two Sholing sides found goals hard to come by, with the Reds taking the points with the only goal of the game against visitors Salisbury City and the Whites playing out a goalless draw with St Francis for whom keeper Ryan Crockford impressed.

S&D were top scorers in Division 2 with an 8-2 scoreline against Colden Common but there was no winner at New Testwood Park where Totton & Eling entertained BTC (Southampton) Athletic and the teams took a point apiece from a 2-2 draw.

In Division 3, Romsey Town lost their first league game for more than a year as they went down 6-3 to AFC Stoneham.

Stoneham started very well and deservedly took a 3-0 advantage in the first 25 minutes but just before half-time Romsey replied through Adam Donaldson to set up an exciting second half.

Within five minutes of the restart it was 'game on' as Ash Blakeley's corner was headed in by Chris Hirst to make it 3-2.

Romsey then missed two great opportunities to level things before, from another corner, Stoneham restored their two-goal advantage.

The fourth goal took the sting out of the game and some poor defending from Romsey allowed Stoneham to make it 5-2 before they again responded through Mike Simmonds but after pushing forward to try rescue the game, Stoneham countered to seal the win at 6-3.

Salisbury Sparks played out an entertaining 2-2 draw with visitors Townhill Lingland Panthers after being all-square at 1-1 at the break. Scorers were James Vincent and Oliie Wizbeki for the home side and Alex Fleet and Will Irving replied for the Panthers.

BTC (Southampton) Spartans enjoyed a 6-2 win over Blackfield & Langley, with their goals coming from Craig Johnston (4) and one each for Conner Gosh and Matthew Ireland. Jimmy McHugh and Matthew Banker replied for Panthers.

An impressive-looking 4-3 away win for Wyvern at Burridge completes the results round-up.



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HEAT IS ON: Taunton striker Jon White under pressure from a Longlands defender as team-mate Danny Stewart, (left) looks on. May 1990 – ABOVE. Order no: 13212096

SCHOOL CLASH: Southampton Schools' Urias Joseph in action against Sheffield Schools, February 1992. Order no: 13212063



OPENING SHOCK: Salisbury's Matthew Curtis leaps to open the scoring in the first minute of the schools under-15 Pickford Cup semi-final against Southampton, which was to end 4-0. April 1991. Order no: 13212255



BAR TO SUCCESS: Southampton's Scott Court heads against the bar in a 4-2 loss to Sheffield in the English Schools Trophy, February 1992. Order no: 13212298



STAR TURN: Gareth Southgate greets Steve McArthur and his Osborne Middle School squad at Villa Park, April 1996. Back row: (from left) Steve McArthur, Lewis Buxton, Stephen Mackell, Adam Howarth, Paul Foster. Front row: (from left) Sean Mogg, Tom Jackson, Martin Marriott, Nathan Dove. Order no: 13212221

UP FOR THE CUP: Taunton captain Simon Butterfield lifts the Hampshire Schools' under-18 cup, June 1993 – left. Order no: 13212128



ALL OURS: Calmore under-11 side, winners of the Southampton Schools FA indoor five-a-side tournament at St Mary's Sports Hall, February 1995. Back row: (from left) Dean Shanley, David Bishop, Ben Harrison. Front row: (from left) Mark Weaver, Steven Lawrence, Neil Harkins. Order no: 13212173



CHAMPIONS: Oaklands under-12 side, winners of the Southampton Schools FA indoor five-a-side tournament at St Mary's Sports Hall, February 1995. Back row: (from left) Craig Hinchcliffe, Oliver Saunders, Adam Stratta, Gareth Davies. Front row: (from left) Nathan Jessop, Stuart Ford, Warren Asher. Order no: 13212149



FIFTY-FIFTY: Southampton Schools' Ross Gulliver battles for the ball with Bournemouth's Peter Kydd. November 1992. Order no: 13212276



NO WAY THROUGH: Southampton Schools' Jamie Woodfield shields the ball, February 1992. Order no: 13212285

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TEAM LINE-UP: Brockenhurst College under-19s, January 1995. Order no: 13212191



HANTS HEROES: Mountbatten School, winners of the U-16 Hants Schools Cup, May 1995. Mountbatten defeated Bohunt School (Liphook) 2-1 in the final, thanks to goals from Matthew Osman and Ian Gundry. Back row: (from left) Craig Hooper, Darren Reid, Graham Hurst, Steve Wood, Simon De'Ath, Philip Smith, James Roberts. Front: George Winfield, Matthew Osman, Neil Dennis, William Watts, Jason Holdsworth, Ian Gundry. Order no: 13212202



STARS IN STRIPES: Matthew Curtis of Salisbury on the ball in his side's game with Southampton in the semi-final of the Pickford Cup, April 1991. Order no: 13212338



DEAN MACHINE: Taunton's Damian Dean, (left) playing against Chichester, March 1993. Order no: 13212357



FINNEGAN'S WAY: Southampton Schools' Tony Finnegan in action against Sheffield, February 1992. Order no: 13212313



HITMAN: Taunton's Jon White bears down on goal, February 1993. Order no: 13212373



AVON FALLING: Hampshire under-19s, who beat Avon 2-0 in the South West Regional Final to share the national schools premier league trophy with West Yorkshire. May 1995. Back row: (from left) Stuart Roberts, Richard McCormack, Darren Phillips, Damian Laville, Marc Cole, Colin Gardiner, Paul Griffiths, Tim Boennic, Neil Pearce, Lee Edwards, Glenn Lickman. Front row: (from left) Simon Whicher, Neil Ward, Deryck Lee, Ian Ford, Mark Orsmond, Richard Cort, Robbie Cooke, Tim Kirk, Danny Husbands. Order no: 13212239

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Did You Know

Cav leapfrogs Clarke in race for BBC gong

WILLIAM Hill have been inundated with bets from punters wishing to back Mark Cavendish to win the coveted Sports Personality Of The Year.

The Manx Missile, pictured below, has been backed all the way in from 5/1 to 5/2 since winning gold at the World Championships last weekend.

For the first time since he won the Open, Darren Clarke is no longer the odds-on favourite and is 5/4 to win the award. Mo Farah is 5/1 while US Open winner, Rory McIlroy, is 7/1. The next closest contender is Tom Daley who is priced at 20/1.



"The Open was a long time ago and Darren since then, has been unable to hit his hat. Conversely Cav has gone from strength to strength winning both the Green Jersey at the TDF and the Rainbow Jersey last week. There has also been a significant campaign started on twitter and he is now a genuine contender," said Hill's spokesman Joe Crilly.

Sports Personality of the Year: 5/4 Darren Clarke; 5/2 Mark Cavendish; 5/1 Mo Farah; 7/1 Rory McIlroy; 20/1 Tom Daley; 33/1 Wayne Rooney; 33/1 Dai Greene; 33/1 Alastair Cook; 66/1 BAR.

GOLF

MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS (up to and including Sep 26)

1 Luke Donald, Eng	10.71
2 Lee Westwood, Eng	7.90
3 Rory McIlroy, NI	6.85
4 Steve Stricker, US	6.66
5 Dustin Johnson, US	6.57
6 Martin Kaymer, Ger	6.54
7 Jason Day, Aus	6.01
8 Phil Mickelson, US	5.69
9 Adam Scott, Aus	5.64
10 Matt Kuchar, US	5.59
11 Nick Watney, US	5.27
12 Webb Simpson, US	4.94
13 Charl Schwartzel, SA	4.90
14 KJ Choi, Kor	4.69
15 Graeme McDowell, NI	4.48
16 Bubba Watson, US	4.45
17 Justin Rose, Eng	4.28
18 Hunter Mahan, US	4.20
19 David Toms, US	4.20
20 Bill Haas, US	3.93
Selected others:	
21 Ian Poulter, Eng	3.84
23 Paul Casey, Eng	3.70
24 Robert Karlsson, Swe	3.65
28 Anders Hansen, Den	3.36
29 Thomas Bjorn, Den	3.34
30 Simon Dyson, Eng	3.31
33 Martin Laird, Sco	3.29
34 Francesco Molinari, Ita	3.27
38 Matteo Manassero, Ita	3.21
39 Darren Clarke, NI	3.20
41 Alvaro Quiros, Spa	3.19
44 M-Angel Jimenez, Spa	3.09
47 Sergio Garcia, Spa	2.90
50 Tiger Woods, US	2.80
53 Peter Hanson, Swe	2.61



TEST VENUES: Lancashire's new Point conference centre and Cardiff's revamped Swalec Stadium.

THE Rose Bowl's exclusion from the Ashes series of 2013 and 2015 was greeted with some surprise and a lot of disappointment at the home of Hampshire Cricket.

While Lord's, the Oval and Trent Bridge can look forward to hosting Ashes Tests in both the 2013 and 2015 series, Durham's Riverside ground and Cardiff's Swalec Stadium are also pleased to be hosting an Ashes Test alongside Old Trafford and Edgbaston in the next four years.

The Rose Bowl is unfortunate to miss out, but with only seven Tests staged in England every summer and Lord's guaranteed two of them, there was always going to be at least one camp unhappy with the Ashes allocation.

Redevelopment has taken place, or is planned, at the other established stadia and since the Rose Bowl was built a decade ago The Swalec Stadium and the Riverside ground have been built.

With the competition to stage internationals fiercer than ever, the nine 'Category A' grounds are all making determined efforts to raise the bar.

LORD'S

123 Tests, 52 ODIs, 8 Twenty20 internationals

Work on a £400m redevelopment of Lord's will begin after the 2012 Olympics as the Marylebone Cricket Club seek to ensure that two Tests are staged at the home of cricket every summer.

But with a naming rights deal ruled out to maintain the ground's traditions, the MCC is seeking investors to fund the ambitious project.

It includes the increasing of the capacity at headquarters to 40,000 with the building of five new stands and the renovation of disused Victorian railway tunnels underneath the ground to create a subterranean village.

The development committee includes Mike Atherton and Sir John Major and the Swiss architects, Herzog & de Meuron, who were responsible for designing the Tate Modern in London and the Bird's Nest Olympic Stadium at Beijing 2008.

KIA OVAL

94 Tests, 48 ODIs, 13 Twenty20 internationals

IN 2005 Surrey completed the £25m redevelopment of the northern end by replacing the Surridge, Fender, Jardine and Peter May stands with

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the OCS Stand, a four-tier grandstand that increased capacity to 23,000.

Two years ago, permanent retractable floodlights were installed.

But Surrey are still waiting to start the next phase of their redevelopment, which includes plans to redevelop the Pavilion End by replacing the Lock, Laker and Peter May south stands with a one stand incorporating a hotel.

This has been delayed by health and safety objections regarding the adjacent gasometer. Planning permission has been granted but since the credit crunch, Surrey have been unable to fund the project.

The first ground to adopt naming rights, the Kia Oval has also been known as the Fosters Oval, AMP Oval and Brit Insurance Oval in

recent years.

OLD TRAFFORD

74 Tests, 39 ODIs, 3 Twenty20 internationals

Work has finally started on phase two of the £32m redevelopment of Old Trafford and is set to be complete in time for the start of 2013, when the ground will stage its first Ashes Test in eight years.

Old Trafford already has a £12m new conference centre, The Point, which has divided opinion.

Permanent floodlights and a video screen showing action replays were installed this year and as part of the makeover the square has been rotated 180 degrees.

Phase two includes new player and media facilities, conferencing, hotel

facilities and an extension to the indoor cricket school.

Two new grandstands will ensure a capacity of 15,000 capable of rising to 25,000 with temporary seating.

HEADINGLEY

70 Tests, 35 ODIs, 0 Twenty20 internationals

More than £30m has been spent on redeveloping Yorkshire's home ground in recent years including the creation of the £21m Carnegie Pavilion, which doubles up as a university faculty at the Kirkstall Lane End.

Yorkshire did not bid for an Ashes Test this year because of the financial risks involved (it can cost up to £2m just to bid for one).

But they have a staging agreement

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TEST VENUES: Edgbaston, Kia Oval and Trent Bridge.

among Test fever pitch



THE ROSE BOWL: Snubbed for an Ashes Test match in 2013 and 2015.

with the ECB guaranteeing other Tests until 2019, when they hope to have increased the capacity from 18,000 to 22,000.

To do that they will need to revamp the Rugby Stand on the side of the ground adjacent to the home of Leeds Rhinos.

But that is unlikely to happen in the next five years unless, as Yorkshire chief executive Colin Graves said recently, "somebody comes along with a pot of gold and gives us £10m."

TRENT BRIDGE

57 Tests, 35 ODIs, 10 Twenty20 internationals

The Nottingham venue has undergone redevelopment with the construction of a new stand to replace the Parr Stand and West Wing and

the addition of one to five rows of extra seating at the front of several of the other stands, increasing capacity from 15,358 to more than 17,000.

Floodlights have also been installed and the award of Ashes Tests in both the 2013 and 2015 series, which is expected to generate £30m, means more redevelopment can continue.

After the award of the two Ashes Tests, chief executive Derek Brewer said: "One of our objectives was to get Trent Bridge at the forefront of international cricket."

"We have certainly achieved that. It's been a massive team effort, a very long and exacting process."

EDGBASTON

46 Tests, 43 ODIs, 2 Twenty20 internationals

Has recently undergone a £32m

facelift, which includes a brand new media centre, the upgrading of conference facilities, a hotel, housing and offices and improved floodlights.

It was funded by a loan from Birmingham City Council and was completed in time for t20 Finals Day.

The ground known for creating England's most partisan support was only awarded one Ashes Test in last week's allocation.

RIVERSIDE

4 Tests, 12 ODIs, 1 Twenty20 international

Hosted its first Test match in 2003, eight years after becoming the home of Durham CCC.

It was awarded a 2013 Ashes Test two years ago but is still a work in progress.

The £3m extension of the pavilion is complete but a hotel, a new perimeter road and multi-use Gateway Building for conference, banqueting and events are among the plans yet to be fulfilled.

But provisional approval of their Regional Growth Fund application should help Durham overcome financing problems.

Now known as the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground after completing a naming rights deal last year.

SWALEC STADIUM

2 Tests, 9 ODIs, 2 Twenty20 internationals

It became the ninth Category A ground following the £9.5m redevelopment of what was Sophia Gardens three years ago – just 18 months after work began.

They were helped by a substantial loan from Cardiff Council, which funded the building of a new pavilion, media centre and grandstand, as well as the relaying of the outfield.

Its naming rights deal with Swalec is worth more than £1.5m over ten years. Staged its first Test just a year after it was completed, the 2009 Ashes opener.

But with a capacity of less than 16,000, it was a controversial choice to stage a 2015 Ashes Test ahead of The Rose Bowl.

ROSE BOWL

1 Test, 13 ODIs, 2 Twenty20 internationals

The £48m redevelopment of The Rose Bowl began with the completion of the two stands either side of the pavilion that was opened within a year of the ground's first-class debut in 2001.

Although the stands are yet to be officially named, they have been in operation since June of last year.

But work is yet to begin on the planned £32m Hilton hotel at the Northern End, which will be The Rose Bowl's crowning glory when complete.

Having seen off a bid for a judicial review from three rival hotel companies, work on the 175-bed hotel has been delayed further.

Work was initially delayed until this month, with much of the funding in the form of a loan from Eastleigh Borough Council.

But Hampshire are still trying to raise the necessary funds and the council is set to put the agreement to another vote of full council before the end of the year.

Has resisted naming rights sponsorship while the ground is a work in progress.

BOXING

Hatton: Khan can give Mayweather a run for his Money

FORMER dual-weight world champion Ricky Hatton has backed Amir Khan to succeed where he failed and get the better of Floyd 'Money' Mayweather.

Hatton, a champion at welter-weight and light-welterweight during his glittering career, suffered his maiden defeat when he was stopped by the American in Las Vegas in December 2007.

Although the Mancunian recovered to win two more fights, he was never the same again and was pummeled by Manny Pacquiao in May 2009 – a defeat that would eventually signal the end of his career.

Mayweather is still going strong, though, and recently extended his unbeaten career to 42 fights when he knocked out Victor Ortiz.

However, a bout to decide the world's best fighter between him



and Pacquiao remains a distant prospect, and Hatton's fellow Lancastrian Khan, pictured above, has emerged as a strong contender to face the 34-year-old.

Having recovered from his defeat to Bredis Prescott to post wins against quality opponents such as Marco Antonio Barrera and Zab Judah, there is a growing train of thought that Khan could be the man to trouble Mayweather.

Hatton agrees, and said: "Amir is looking sensational and has never looked back from that first-round knockout defeat."

"He's won two world titles now at the light-welterweight division. Timothy Bradley would argue about who is in the number one spot (to face Mayweather), but there's no doubt in my mind that it's Amir Khan."

"He's proved that and it's only a matter of time before Amir will do what all fighters want to do. Once you've proved yourself in a division, you want to move up a division and win a world title in another division."

"I was fortunate enough to do that, and I think Amir is well on course to do that. A few years ago, you'd have said 'no, Floyd Mayweather is a step too far', but the way he (Khan) is performing now, it certainly isn't."

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Fancy That!

MANCHESTER City striker Carlos Tevez sparked controversy this week following claims he refused to play when told to come on as a substitute against Bayern Munich in Tuesday's Champions League match.

Here, *The Sports Pink* takes a look at examples of some other sporting protests.

BLACK POWER SALUTE

Probably the most iconic sporting protest of all time came at the Mexico Olympics in 1968. Americans Tommie Smith and John Carlos had claimed gold and bronze medals in the 200m, Smith claiming his gold in a new world record.

During the medal ceremony, both men raised their black-gloved fists, heads bowed in protest over civil rights abuses in the United States. As a result, both men were stripped of their medals, thrown out of the Olympic Village and sent home.

GARY NEVILLE LEADS SUPPORT FOR RIO FERDINAND

Rio Ferdinand's failure to take a drugs test landed him an eight-month ban, prevented the Manchester United defender from taking part at Euro 2004.

In the run-up to that tournament, England players, led by Ferdinand's Old Trafford team-mate Neville, warned if the centre-half was not allowed to play in the qualifier against Turkey, they would walk out in a show of support. The FA smoothed things over, but not before the players released a damning statement, claiming: "It is our opinion that the organisation we represent has not only let down one of our team-mates, but the England squad and its manager. We feel they have failed us very badly."



FERDINAND

TARANGO STORMS OFF AT WIMBLEDON - The All England Club had never seen anything quite like it before when American Jeff Tarango was left fuming by decisions going against him from chair umpire Bruno Rebeuh in his third-round match with Alexander Mronz at the 1995 championships.

The Californian told the jeering crowd to 'shut up' before calling for the tournament supervisor. He screamed 'That's it, I'm not playing' before berating Rebeuh as the "most corrupt official in the game" as he stormed off Court 13. Tarango defaulted the match and was banned for two Grand Slam tournaments and fined \$63,000.

DARREN CAMPBELL GIVES LAP OF HONOUR THE SWERVE

British sprinter Darren Campbell decided not to join his team-mates on their lap of honour following 4x100m gold at the Euro Championships in Gothenburg.

He was protesting at the inclusion of Dwain Chambers, just months after his return from a two-year doping ban.

Campbell had to give back his 2002 European Championships relay gold and a 2003 World Championship silver medal because of Chambers' positive drugs test.

PAKISTAN PAY THE PENALTY OVER HAIR-GATE

Test cricket saw its first ever forfeiture at the Oval in 2006 when the Pakistan team protested at the decision of umpire Darrell Hair to penalise them five runs for ball-tampering. The tourists stayed in their dressing room at the end of the tea interval, and England were handed a 3-0 series win as the final day of the fourth Test was never played.

HE is best known for helping Great Britain's hockey team win Olympic gold at Seoul 1988, but David Faulkner is focused on creating a legacy to last long after London 2012.

Now England Hockey's Performance Director, Faulkner was at Fareham Hockey Club this week to launch the 'Are We Ready?' tour with the first of ten roadshows that look ahead to next summer and beyond.

At London 2012, Great Britain's teams will have their best chance of a podium place for 24 years.

"Both teams are competitively placed," said 48-year-old Faulkner.

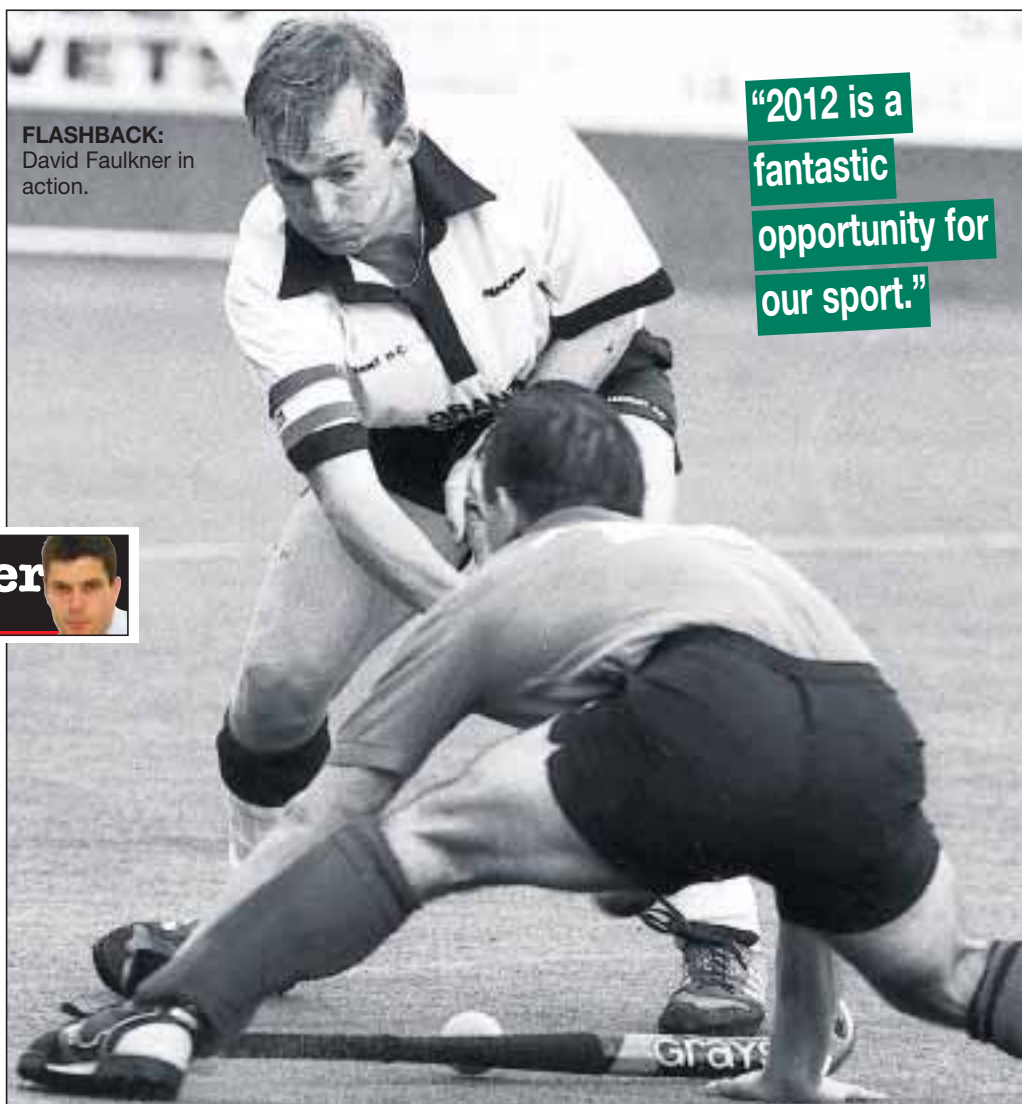
"Since London was awarded the Games in 2005, they have both climbed from 11th to fourth in the world rankings.

"And since Beijing 2008 the men have won the European Cup,

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FLASHBACK:
David Faulkner in action.



"2012 is a fantastic opportunity for our sport."

reached the World Cup semi-final and won a silver medal at the Champions Trophy.

"These are achievements we haven't had since the 1980s and we're continuing to beat teams in a competitive group just above and below us in the world rankings.

"In the last few years the women have also been successful, winning European bronze, World Cup bronze for the first time and Champions Trophy bronze for the first time ever."

The most reason major tournament saw both teams return from the European Championships with bronze medals in August

"People have asked if I was disappointed with that but we always say that the aim is to get to the semi-finals of every competition and then you are in a position to get on the podium," continued Faulkner.

"That becomes a habit. If you look at cycling, rowing, sailing and canoeing, it's about being in that window when anything can happen on the day."

Hockey has always been played at a fast pace, helped by the abolition of offside and the introduction of rolling substitutes in the 1990s.

It is even more spectator friendly following the revision in 2009 of the 'free hit' rule, which now enables players to continue the game without passing to a teammate.

"Football can learn from that, it keeps the ball in play for longer," said Faulkner.

With the 630,000 Olympic hockey tickets already sold, Faulkner is excited about how much interest could be generated by a medal-winning Games for one or both teams.

The former Havant full-back only needs to think back to 1988 to be reminded of hockey's potential.

"The interest was huge and that was without satellite coverage and internet," he remembered.

"We had a crowd of 1,200 for our first home game of the following season against Southgate, who won the European Cup three times during the 1980s.

"That might not sound much but we were used to two men and a dog!"

"It's a fantastic opportunity for our

2012 will be GB hockey's watershed

sport.

"We'll never get the support that football, rugby and cricket enjoy but what we can do is enhance the profile to get more people watching as well as playing.

"We have to make sure we are ready for more interest and learn from the legacy left by the success of the 2003 Rugby World Cup and the 2005 Ashes.

"The cloud of 1988 is a bit like the effect of 1966 on the football team, but we are all about the future and the men's and women's team will have every chance to fulfil their potential.

"Our coaching system is the strongest it's ever been, we're developing a lot of very good players and

we're getting better at it.

"It's not just about getting teams to the Games in 2012, we're also looking further ahead to Rio 2016."

Faulkner believes that many of the team will have benefited from competing at Beijing 2008, where the men finished fifth - GB's best finish for 20 years - and the women were sixth.

"An interesting statistic is that 70 per cent of medal-winning athletes have been to a previous Olympic Games.

"The teams won't be exactly the same as four years ago but there will be several survivors and that bodes well.

"It was a bit like that in Seoul. Although I didn't go to Los Angeles

in 1984, two thirds of the team had been to the previous Games in LA.

"Once again, there are enough players with that experience to support both teams."

Rob Moore, a former pupil at King Edward VI school in Southampton, and Southampton-born Alex Danson were Hampshire's hockey representatives in 2008 and will be key players in the respective teams at London 2012.

Who will provide the toughest competition?

"It's so tight amongst the top teams," said Faulkner.

"Australia have the world's number one men's team but we beat them at the World Cup.

"Germany and Holland are above us and the likes of Spain, Pakistan and Korea will also challenge."

Hockey is a fast growing sport in Argentina, who have the number one women's team.

"We played them in the World Cup last year in front of 17,000 people and there were more locked out!" laughs Faulkner.

"Holland and Germany are also ranked highly and Korea, South Africa and New Zealand are not far behind.

"It should be a fantastic Games for hockey, which will be played at an open-air stadium in Olympic Park."

Horse Racing



UTTOXETER Sunday's runners

Going: Good to Firm-Good in places

2.15 SPIFFING CRABBE'S ALCOHOLIC GINGER BEER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £3,600 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £2,339.

1	351312	BHALTAIR (IRE) (34) (D)(BF) D McCain Jnr 5 11 12	... J Kingston (3)
2	212-11	GRANDADS HORSE (25) (CD) C Longsdon 5 11 12	Kielan Woods (6)
3	253-32	FOREVER WAINING (IRE) (25) P Bowen 5 10 12	D Devereux (3)
4	21-1	SAY NO (147) (D) C Beally 5 10 12	A Wedge (3)
5	04-	RIVERSIDE POPPET (189) P Kirby 5 10 5	K James (3)

BETTING: 5-4 Grandads Horse, 9-4 Forever Waining, 3-1 Bhaltair, 12-1 Say No, 33-1 Riverside Poppet.

2.50 ALREWAS & DISTRICT R.B.L. HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 5). £2,900 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £1,884.

1	-22604	APACHE DAWN (34) A Sadik 7 11 12	... Mr J Jenkinson (7)
2	3035	CATCHING ZEDS (28) J Williams 4 11 10	D Crosse
3	12434F	WON MORE NIGHT (34) (D) M Keighley 9 11 6	D Hiskett (10)
4	/5P-3	BEAT THE DEVIL (43) T R George 5 11 5	P Brennan
5	4-0825	ECHO DANCER (47) T Wall 5 11 1	J Wall (7)
6	-03PU4	BACK TO PARIS (IRE) (3) P Kirby 9 10 11	Miss C Boxall (7)
7	466523	BAZART (12) (D)(BF) B J Llewellyn 9 10 4	Mr R J Williams (7)

BETTING: 13-8 Won More Night, 7-2 Bazart, 6-1 Beat The Devil, 7-1 Catching Zeds, 8-1 Apache Dawn, 10-1 Back To Paris, 12-1 Echo Dancer.

3.35 DOUGLAS FAMILY MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS 5). £2,900 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £1,884.

1	2-	CREDIT FOR LIFE (IRE) (175) C Longsdon 4 11 0	F de Giles
2		DUBAWI PHANTOM (F211) J P Ferguson 4 11 0	Mr J Quinlan (7)
3	0P	KARGARANN (IRE) (66) S Durack 4 11 0	R Kiloran (3)
4	F	LORD WHEATHILL (44) Mrs L Williamson 4 11 0	H Challoner (7)
5	0PP/55	LOST ARCA (FR) (29) D Bridgwater 5 11 0	T Phelan (3)
6		MARJU KING (IRE) (14) P W Middleton 5 11 0	Kielan Woods (7)
7	06	MISTOFFEELES (F116) D McCain Jnr 5 11 0	A P Lane
8	P4	OFFICER IN COMMAND (USA) (39) P Rich 5 11 0	Mr B Poste (7)
9	1/36	CRAZY CHRIS (29) J Flint 6 10 7	R Flint
10	-24F3P	GRETHEL (IRE) (F12) A Berry 7 10 7	C Poste

BETTING: 4-5 Dubawi Phantom, 7-1 Mistoffeeles, 7-1 Credit For Life, 10-1 Officer In Command, 14-1 Crazy Chris, 20-1 Grethel, 25-1 Marju King, 50-1 Lost Arca, Kargarann, 66-1 Lord Wheathill.

4.05 BANNER MARQUEES NOVICES' CHASE (FOR THE ROYAL MERCIAN & LANCASTRIAN YEOMANRY CHALLENGE CUP) (CLASS 4). £7,000 added 5YO PLUS 2m 5f Penalty Value £4,431.

1	100-21	ICY COLT (ARG) (126) (C) P Webber 5 11 7	W Kennedy
2	520-21	KARASENIN (IRE) (29) P Hobbs 5 11 7	R Johnson
3	223142	STAGE ACCLAIM (IRE) (34) (C) Dr R Newland 6 11 7	M R Weston (5)

BETTING: 4-5 Karaseinin, 11-4 Icy Colt, 3-1 Stage Acclaim.

4.35 BRITISH LEGION HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £3,750 added 4YO PLUS 3m Penalty Value £2,437.

1	5-5025	THE DUKE'S SPEECH (IRE) (44) Mrs S Leech 10 11 12	R McLernon
2	42-233	HOUSE OF BOURBON (IRE) (38) (C)(D) T Vaughan 8 11 11	R Johnson
3	-F41P1	MONTANA GOLD (IRE) (29) (D) J Flint 10 11 10	T Flint (10)
4	-0J0021	PAPRADON (39) N Twiston-Davies 7 11 5	S Twiston-Davies
5	13-412	INISHRUSH (IRE) (52) (D) W G M Turner 10 11 5	Mr W Potter (7)
6	PP14-4	GRENOLI (FR) (160) J Cornwall 10 11 1	J Cornwall (7)
7	212322	GEM MILL (IRE) (38) (D) P Bowen 9 10 11	T Scudamore

BETTING: 3-1 Papradon, 7-2 Gem Mill, 4-1 House Of Bourbon, 5-1 Inishrush, 6-1 Montana Gold, 10-1 The Duke's Speech, 12-1 Grenoli.

5.10 BRITISH LEGION HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £3,600 added 4YO PLUS 3m Penalty Value £2,339.

1	-35413	SHAMMY BUSKINS (39) (C)(D) Mrs L Hill 9 11 12	A Thornton
2	3F122-	ROSSMORE LAD (IRE) (169) (D) C Longsdon 6 11 11	Kielan Woods

4	-6122	DIDDLEY DEE (34) (C) W Moore 7 11 6	Mr M Slevin (7)
3	042F-3	MZURI BAY (117) (BF) Mrs H Hill 6 11 5	D Bass (3)
5	012043	YABORA (FR) (12) Dr R Newland 6 11 1	Mrs D Dunn (7)
6	112460	SOVEREIGN SPIRIT (IRE) (14) M Blake 9 10 13	D Elsworth
7	F-0113	PAINTED SKY (34) D McCain Jnr 8 10 12	A P Lane
8	51P233	CONSULT (25) M Keighley 4 10 11	T Scudamore
9	32036	EPEE CELESTE (FR) (45) N Twiston-Davies 5 10 10	S Twiston-Davies

BETTING: 7-2 Consult, 4-1 Mzuri Bay, 5-1 Rossmore Lad, 6-1 Diddley Dee, 8-1 Painted Sky, Shammy Buskins, 10-1 Yabora, 12-1 Epee Celeste, 14-1 Sovereign Spirit.

5.40 DIGIBET.COM HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 5). £3,100 added 4YO PLUS 2m 5f Penalty Value £2,014.

1	2P4-36	RESTART (IRE) (117) (D) Mrs L Featherstone 10 11 12	C Poste
2	4241/0	BROSSE EN FEUX (FR) (39) (CD) N Twiston-Davies 8 11 12	S Twiston-Davies

3	21464-	RUNSHAN (IRE) (205) (CD) D Bridgwater 11 11 11	T Scudamore
4	303030	NEESNAS (USA) (12) M Rimel 10 11 1	W Kennedy
5	34-250	SIR BUMBLE (IRE) (12) (D) M Blake 10 10 12	N Schofield
6	02P3P0	ZEPPNOVE (IRE) (34) (C) N King 5 10 10	A Merriam (3)
7	345312	COLDITZ (IRE) (12) (D)(BF) R Ford 7 10 2	R Johnson
8	226-54	MAD PROFESSOR (IRE) (34) (BF) J Cornwall 8 10 0	J Cornwall (7)
9	6P-PSU	MR IRONMAN (66) B Summers 10 10 0	J Kingston (3)

BETTING: 9-4 Colditz, 9-2 Brosse En Feux, 5-1 Runshan, 7-1 Mad Professor, 8-1 Sir Bumble, 10-1 Restart, Zeppnove, 16-1 Neesnas, 20-1 Mr Ironman.

AUSTRALIA'S DAY

AUSTRALIA Day looks a classy recruit to the chasing ranks as he makes his debut over fences at Huntingdon.

There are not that many 150-rated hurdlers plying their trade in novice company at this stage of the season, so Paul Webber's eight-year-old will certainly be worth watching.

Winner of Market Rasen's Summer Hurdle last year, Australia Day then won a fair event at Kempton in October before finding a switch back up in class at Wincanton too much and faded tamely.

Webber did not run him again until tackling the Ascot Stakes, in which he also failed to figure, a comment which applies to his effort at the Shergar Cup meeting.

Australia Day then paid the price for trying to match strides with Overturf in a decent contest at Perth so it is no surprise Webber has opted to switch disciplines.

He has reportedly been schooling well and if Australia Day turns up on top form, he will take some beating in the Huntingdon Novices' Chase.

The Fonz is an eye-catching National Hunt debutant in the TurfTV Novices' Hurdle.

Three times a winner for Sir Michael Stoute, he claimed a competitive prize at York last summer before failing to find his feet in five starts this year.

Now with Renee Robeson, the

five-year-old could be anything over obstacles.

Webber should also have a hand in the finish of Uttoxeter's Banner Marquee Novices' Chase with Icy Colt.

The five-year-old is still pretty lightly raced but has victories over hurdles and fences to his credit in nine starts so far.

He only won a novice hurdle last October but after spending the winter over the smaller obstacles, Webber has been eager to tackle fences with him.

Icy Colt was a narrow second on his chase debut but he learnt plenty for the experience and really knuckled down to gain the day at Uttoxeter next time.

A disappointing field of just three runners are set to line up here but Icy Colt looks a solid performer.

Four-time Flat winner Lexi's Boy is one to note in the Urwin Second Half Century Juvenile Hurdle at Kelso.

He was snapped up for 60,000 guineas by Donald McCain at Tattersalls in July and it is easy to see why after ending his campaign with a rating of 80.

While all of his four wins came on the all-weather at Wolverhampton and Dundalk, he also showed an aptitude for turf when placing at Chester and Carlisle.

He looks pretty versatile in terms of ground and could be a nice autumn prospect for the McCain team.



● Donald McCain gives Lexi's boy a run out at Kelso.

HUNTINGDON

Going: Good to Firm-Good in places

2.25 TURFV NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 110yds Penalty Value £2,599.

1	-31241	ART BROKER (IRE) (40) (D) H Daly 5 11 12	J Greenall (7)
2	416	BULLET MAN (USA) (8) (CD) P Webber 6 11 5	D O'Regan
3		BILLION DOLLAR KID (F19) Miss J Davis 6 10 12	D Jacob
4	40080/	CAMEROONEY (F9) B Ellison 8 10 12	D Cook
5	0P	FATHER MARTIN (IRE) (29) R Phillips 4 10 12	S Quinlan
6	26-20	GETAWAY DRIVER (IRE) (150) C Longsdon 4 10 12	A Tinkler
7		NEGOTIATION (IRE) (F4) M Quinn 5 10 12	J Doyle
8	0-3	NEW CODE (14) G L Moore 4 10 12	J Moore
9		PERPETUALLY (IRE) (F100) J P Ferguson 5 10 12	P Moloney
10	6/	SOHCARTOA (IRE) (F11) R Mills 5 10 12	T J O'Brien
11		THE FONZ (F44) Mrs P Robeson 5 10 12	J McCarthy
12	0-	IF I WERE A BOY (IRE) (F9) D F Davis 4 10 5	M Grant

BETTING: 10-3 Bullet Man, 7-2 Art Broker, 9-2 The Fonz, 7-1 Camerooney, 8-1 New Code, 10-1 Sohcatoa, 14-1 Getaway Driver, Perpetually, 16-1 others.

3.00 BRAMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 3). £7,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £4,549.

1	11FP-0	SONGE (FR) (157) (CD) C Longsdon 7 11 12	N Fahily
2	13P0P1	WAKE BOARD (FR) (9) (D) Dr R Newland 6 11 6	D Jacob
3	642P-P	MAX BYGRAVES (142) (D) K Bailey 8 10 13	Charles Greene (7)
4	40-P04	I'M A LEGEND (27) (D) N Mulholland 9 10 9	M Quinlan (5)
5	-23265	KIKOS (FR) (14) (CD) Mrs P Robeson 9 10 8	S P Jones

BETTING: 7-4 Wake Board, 7-2 Max Bygraves, 4-1 I'm A Legend, 5-1 Songe, 11-2 Kikos.

3.45 HUNTINGDON FOR ALL YOUR WEDDING NEEDS JUVENILE HURDLE (CLASS 4). £4,000 added 3YO only 2m 110yds Penalty Value £2,599.

1	3321	ALFRAAMSEY (14) (D) Miss S West 11 5	M Goldstein (3)
2		ARTISAN (F41) B Ellison 10 12	D Cook
3		BUXFIZZ (USA) (F41) R Mills 10 12	J Moore
4		IF WHAT AND MAYBE (F16) J Ryan 10 12	C Bolger
5		KINGSTON TIGER (F29) J Wigham 10 12	J McCarthy

SELECTIONS

HUNTINGDON: 2.25 The Fonz, 3.00 I'm A Legend, 3.45 Oceans Destination, 4.15 AUSTRALIA DAY (NAP), 4.50 Teshali, 5.20 Upper Deck.

KELSO: 2.05 Erin Dancer, 2.40 Lexi's Boy, 3.25 Copper's Gold, 3.55 Arctic Court, 4.25 Dar Es Salaam, 5.00 Northern Acres, 5.30 Some Catch, 6.00 Groovy Dancer.

TIPPERARY: 2.00 Kashmir Peak, 2.35 Jills Ballet, 3.05 Puttore, 3.40 The Real Article, 4.10 Tavern Times, 4.40 Trabajo, 5.15 First Lieutenant, 5.45 Sin Palo.

UTTOXETER: 2.15 Grandads Horse, 2.50 Beat The Devil, 3.35 Dubawi Phantom, 4.05 Icy Colt, 4.35 Grenoli, 5.10 Mzuri Bay, 5.40 Colditz.

DOUBLE: Australia Day and Lexi's Boy.

6		OCEANS DESTINATION (F337) J Ryan 10 12	M Batchelor
7	0	SUBRAMANIAM (34) J Given 10 12	A Tinkler
8		NEWBY LODGE (IRE) (F31) A Bailey 10 5	W Kavanagh (3)
9		SO IS SHE (IRE) (F8) A Bailey 10 5	G Tumilty

BETTING: 5-4 Alfraamsey, 4-1 Artisan, 7-1 Buxfizz, 8-1 Kingston Tiger, 10-1 Newby Lodge, 12-1 If What And Maybe, 16-1 So Is She, 20-1 Subramaniam, 33-1 Oceans Destination.

4.15 HUNTINGDON NOVICES' CHASE (CLASS 3). £7,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 110yds Penalty Value £4,549.

1	/110-0	AUSTRALIA DAY (IRE) (43) (D) P Webber 8 11 3	D O'Regan
2	434253	CAPTAIN SULLY (IRE) (34) (CD) A J Wilson 6 11 3	H Frost

Sunday's runners

3	32220-	KAOLAK (USA) (170) (BF) K Reveley 5 11 3	J Reveley
4	4/6-22	THAT'LL DO NICELY (IRE) (67) N Richards 8 11 3	B Harding
5	505P-F	ULTIMATE (F15) (CD) B Ellison 5 11 3	D Cook
6	513-61	PULLYOURFINGEROUT (IRE) (39) (D) B Powell 4 11 0	N Fahily

BETTING: 5-4 Australia Day, 4-1 Pullyourfingerout, 11-2 Ultimate, 7-1 Kaolak, 8-1 Captain Sully, 10-1 That'll Do Nicely.

4.50 HUNTINGDON-RACECOURSE.CO.UK HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,600 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,639.

1	2006-0	MOHANAD (IRE) (F15) Miss S West 5 11 12	M Goldstein (3)
2	412-21	TESHALI (IRE) (14) (D) D Pipe 5 11 11	H Frost
3	1365U4	ROYAL MAX (IRE) (29) I Williams 5 11 7	H Skelton
4	064-16	LIEUTENANT MILLER (43) (BF) N Henderson 5 11 2	A Tinkler
5	1-6005	HERSCHEL (IRE) (14) G L Moore 5 11 2	Joshua Moore (5)
6	133545	DARK ENERGY (28) (C) M Scudamore 7 11 0	P Brennan
7	0466-	COOL STRIKE (UAE) (191) A Hales 5 10 13	D O'Regan
8	1-1605	MUMBLE PIER (IRE) (12) (D) P Bowen 6 10 11	J Moore
9	54640-	BUN OIR (USA) (178) C Longsdon 4 10 9	N Fahily
10	00P/5-	CODA AGENCY (F16) B Powell 8 10 2	L Treadwell
11	26F-00	HALLING GAL (F52) E Williams 5 10 9	P Moloney

BETTING: 3-1 Lieutenant Miller, 7-2 Teshali, 6-1 Royal Max, 8-1 Herschel, 10-1 Dark Energy, Bun Oir, 12-1 Mohanad, Cool Strike, 14-1 others.

5.20 BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HUNTINGDON HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 5). £3,000 added 4YO PLUS 3m 2f Penalty Value £2,053.

1	0-000U	MTPOCKETS (IRE) (28) N Mulholland 6 11 12	M Quinlan (5)
2	-41134	SAFE INVESTMENT (USA) (43) (BF) Mrs L Hill 7 11 7	A Coleman
3	6-P462	IRIS'S FLYER (29) B Leavy 9 11 6	D Cook
4	4P2150	MOON MELODY (GER) (25) (D) M Sowersby 8 11 3	E Linehan (7)
5	F4P040	HALF MAST (IRE) (14) P Bowen 7 11 2	J Moore
6	2-30P0	GALLIMAUFURY (14) N Mulholland 5 10 4	D Jacob
7	P0-P36	UPPER DECK (IRE) (14) R Phillips 6 10 4	S Quinlan
8	P0540-	PRIDE OF MINE (14) J R Jenkins 8 10 2	T J O'Brien
9	45U5-6	COMMANCHE DAWN (34) Jim Best 9 10 0	P Brennan

BETTING: 5-2 Commanche Dawn, 4-1 Safe Investment, 5-1 Iris's Flyer, 6-1 Upper Deck, 8-1 Mtpockets, 10-1 Gallimaufury, 12-1 Moon Melody, 14-1 Pride Of Mine, 20-1 Half Mast.

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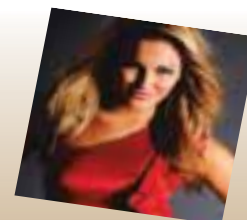


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